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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

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BETHLEHEM

Primitive Baptist Association

Held with

ZION HILL CHURCH

Nash County, North Carolina
Commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October,

1953

Next session convenes with the Few in Number Church, Edgecomb County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1954

— OFFICERS —

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD - Moderator, Tarboro, N. C.
ELDER J. R. DANCY - Assistant Mod. Pinetops, N. C.
W. W. WILLIAMS - Clerk, Macclesfield, North Carolina
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Proceedings

Friday, October 9, 1953:

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Zion Hill Church, Nash County, North Carolina.

Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 487. Elder Jimmie Wilson led in prayer. Elder J. H. Winstead preached the Introductory Sermon from 2 Timothy. Elder J. R. Dancy sang hymn 288 and preached the alternate sermon from Acts 9. Elder J. H. Winstead dismissed for one hour and a half.

Friday afternoon:

The Association re-assembled and Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 200 and announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion, Elder J. H. Winstead be chosen Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October, 1954.

Agreed on motion Elder J. R. Dancy be chosen Assistant Moderator until October, 1954.

Agreed on motion that Brother W. W. Williams be chosen Clerk of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association.

Agreed on motion that Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen as Assistant Clerk of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Asociation.

Agreed on motion that delegates and messengers of associations with whom we correspond be invited to sit with us and take a part in our conference and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harriss be chosen Chairman Deacon of the Association until October, 1954.

Agreed on motion that Brother Herbert Shelly be chosen Assistant Deacon until October, 1954.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. H. Winstead, Brother Russell Harriss, Brother Russell Wooten be chosen a Committee on Preaching from day to day.

Agreed on motion that Brother W. R. Kelly be chosen to record the ministers texts from day to day.

Agreed on motion we see who shall preach this afternoon. The Committee decided, Brother Johnnie Rodgers, Elder Alex Jones, Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Elder W. M. Weaver to conduct

the preaching.

Agreed on motion that Brethren Herbert Shelly, Russell Wooten, and Simpson Hart be chosen a Committee on Finance.

Agreed on motion that delegates from sister associations with whom we correspond make their report:

Radicue: Elder Joe Taylor came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, and desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegates from the Radicue Association be received by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship. The next session will be with the Mount Zion Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, beginning the Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954.

Loving: Elder Golden Pollock came forth with peace and love and desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegates from Loving Association be received by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship. Their next session is to be held with Hartville Chapel Church; go to Jacksonville, take highway No. 17 about two miles. Fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1954.

Little River: Correspondence by minutes. Agreed on motion that the letter from Little River Association be read. Agreed on motion that the minutes and letter be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the bearer. The next association to be with Union Hill Church, nine miles south of Raleigh between Raleigh and Fuquay Springs on highway 15A. To be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Roosevelt Thomas came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion, the delegate from Chestnut Knob Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next association is to be held with Rocky Hill Church, Martinsville, Virginia, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1954.

Sandy Ridge: Elder O. G. Tatum came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue

correspondence. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Sandy Ridge District Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session will be held with the Red Hollow Church on Highway 58 between Martinsville and Stuart, Virginia, about 10 miles out of Stuart. To be held the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954.

Roanoke: Elder Jimmie Wilson came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue correspondence. Agreed on motion to receive the delegate from Roanoke Association by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next association is to be held with New Banister Church the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July 1954 at Chatham, Virginia.

Cub Run: Elder Julius Hart came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue correspondence. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Cub Run Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next association is to be held with Clifton Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1954. Come to Washington, D. C., then to Constitution Avenue to 211.

Piedmont: Elder B. McLordain came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue correspondence. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Piedmont Asociation be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session is to be held with the Balcony Church, Rocky Mount, Virginia, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1954.

Long Branch: Elder Frank Bell came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue correspondence. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Long Branch Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session is to be held with Long Branch Church, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1954. The church is located in Speed.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Cecil Alston came forth with a file

of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue correspondence. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Cooper's Grove Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session is to be held with the Mount Hope Church beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1954.

Union: Elder David Bynum came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue correspondence. Agreed on motion to receive the delegate from Union Asociation by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session is to be held with the Low Level Church near Fountain, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1954.

Contentnea: Elder Lawrence Reid came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired to continue correspondence. Agreed on motion that the delegate be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session is to be held with Black Creek Church, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1954.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder Robert Reeves, the Moderator, representing by the delegate the late Elder E. J. Bateman, came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delgate from Mt. Pleasant Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session is to be held with the Cypress Grove Church, Augusta, Georgia, beginning Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1954.

Corresponding: Not represented this time.

Agreed on motion to call for petitionary letters. None.

Agreed on motion that letters from the sixteen churches be called for and read. Thirteen letters were handed in and read by the clerk. Agreed on motion that letters from the churches be received.

Agreed on motion we see where the next session of the Bethlehem Association is to be held. It will be held with Few in Number Church since they asked for the next session.

It is to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1954. The church is located in Edgecomb County, North Carolina.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. H. Winstead preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. R. Dancy, the alternate.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harriss be chosen treasurer of Bethlehem Association. Agreed on motion that the treasurer make a report.

Agreed on motion that the report by the treasurer be received:

Amount in the treasury ---------- $71.00

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. J. H. Winstead sang hymn 334. Benediction by Elder Johnnie Morning.

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD, Moderator
ELDER J. R. DANCY, Assistant Moderator
W. W. WILLIAMS, Association Clerk
H. H. BARNES, Assistant Association Clerk

Staurday morning:

Conference opened pursuant to adjournment by Elder J. R. Dancy singing hymn 397. Elder J. J. Adams led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver read the scripture lesson. Elder J. R. Dancy announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that a roll of churches and a list of corresponding associations be called. Yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be read.

Agreed on motion, roll of churches, and list of corresponding associations, yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be received. Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report. Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee Report be received. Amount raised from churches is $578.50.

Agreed on motion the Committee on Preaching report who

shall preach for the people: Elder Benjamin Cherry, Elder Golden Pollock, Elder Joe Taylor, Elder Julius Hart.

Agreed on motion we decide on the delegates that will visit sister asociations with whom we correspond. Agreed on motion that we send the following:

Sandy Ridge Association: Elder Benjamin Cherry.

Long Branch Association: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt.

Contentnea Association: Elder Willie Ellis.

Mt. Pleasant Association: Elder J. H. Winstead.

Primitive Baptist Old School Roanoke Association: Elder Levy Hill.

Chestnut Knob Association: Elder William Braswell.

Cooper's Grove: Elder W. H. Winstead.

Cub Run Association: Elder Alex Jones.

Loving Association: Elder Willie Ellis.

Piedmont Association: Elder J. H. Winstead.

Radicue Association: Elder W. M. Weaver.

Union Association: Elder J. R. Dancy.

Corresponding Association: Brother Johnnie Rodgers. The association is to be held second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954 with Enes Church, Bethel, North Carolina.

Little River Association: Brother Charlie Max Bullock.

Agreed on motion that the Church Government, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes.

Agreed on motion that we have 800 copies of our minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of the elders be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of our deacons be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that we take no form of new business.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association will not fellowship any association with whom we correspond who has received among her a member that is not

in good standing and full fellowship.

Agreed on motion that Brethren Russell Harriss, Russell Wooten, Charlie Staton, Nathan Johnson, and Turner Flowers take up collections from day to day.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until the second Friday in October, 1954. Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 418. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD, Moderator
ELDER J. R. DANCY, Assistant Moderator
W. W. WILLIAMS, Association Clerk
H. H. BARNES, Assistant Association Clerk

ELDERS, THEIR ADDRESSES, AND TIME OF MEETING

Few in Number: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem: Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February

Living Hope: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in February.

New Hope: Second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Johnson's Chapel: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Rocky Valley: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Mt. Olive: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Zion Hill: Elder Blonny Williams, Rt. 3, Box 58, Elm City, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in January

William's Chapel: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Weaver's Chapel: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Antioch: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Living Hope: Elder Wilie Ellis, Rt. 1, Box 110 A, Wilson, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Zionist Grove: Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, FRIDAY EVENING

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 73. Elder Alex Jones led in prayer. Brother Johnnie Rodgers sang hymn 153, and preached from Ezek. 37:1. Elder Alex Jones sang hymn 76, and preached from John 3:3. Elder Johnnie B. Pitt sang hymn 200, and preached from John 1:1. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 531 and preached from Gen. 26:6. Elder J. H. Winstead sang closing hymn 689. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder J. R. Dancy sang hymn 353, and led in prayer. Elder Golden Pollock from Loving Association, sang hymn 353, and preached from John. Elder Jake Hart sang hymn 76, and preached from Dan. 66. Elder O. G. Tatum from Sandy Ridge Association sang hymn 38, and preached from Mark 11:22. Elder Rosevelt Thomas from Chestnut Knob Association sang hymn 617, and preached from Joel 14. Elder J. J. Adams from the Roanoke Association sang hymn 491, and preached from Joel 14. Elder J. R. Dancy closed with hymn 643. Benediction by Elder J. R. Dancy.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder J. R. Dancy sang hymn 27. Deacon Veridron Richardson led in prayer. Elder Benjamin Cherry, Cor. 4:4. Elder Golden Pollock sang hymn 305, and preached from John. Elder Joe Taylor from the Radicue Association sang hymn 490, and preached from John 14. Elder Rosevelt Thomas sang hymn 27, and preached from John 3. Elder Julius Hart sang hymn 393, and preached from John 14:1. Elder Jimmie Wilson from the Roanoke Association sang hymn 356, and preached from Ezek. 32. Elder J. H. Winstead sang closing hymn 353. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

SATURDAY EVENING

Brother Charlie Mock Bullock sang hymn 380, and preached with the spirit. Elder Frank Bell preached from Gen. 1. Elder B. McLordain from the Piedmont Association sang hymn 415 and preached from Joel 11:1. Elder Lawrence Reeves from Contentnea Association, sang hymn 128, and preached from Rom. 7. Elder J. J. Alston from Chestnut Knob Association sang hymn 121, and preached from Joel 11:1. Closing hymn 618. Benediction by Elder J. R. Dancy.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder J. R. Dancy sang hymn 27. Brother Samuel Cherry led in prayer, sang hymn 691, and preached from Psalms 66. Elder Richard Wartin from Sandy Ridge Association preached from John 4:22. Elder Frank Penn from Chestnut Knob Association sang hymn 617, and preached from John 14. Elder Cecil Alston from Cooper's Grove Association sang hymn 3, and preached from Psalms 25. Elder David Bynum from Union Association sang hymn 2, and preached from John 5. Elder J. R. Dancy preached with the spirit. Elder J. R. Dancy closed with hymn 613. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 433. Brother Charlie Mock Bullock led in prayer. Elder Richard Martin preached from Heb. 8:8. Elder O. G. Tatum preached from Heb. 40:1. Elder Frank Penn sang hymn 490, and preached from John 14:1. Elder Cecil Alston preached from Psalm 20. Elder E. J. Bateman sang hymn 32, preached with the spirit. Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn 288, and preached from 2 Kings. Elder Johnnie Morning sang hymn 91, and preached with the spirit. Elder David Bynum sang hymn 689, and preached from Joel 10:11. Elder J. H. Winstead preached from Joel 11. Elder J. H. Winstead closed with hymn 674. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the Forty-third Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association held with the Zion Hill Church, Nash County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1953.

Dear Brethren: The Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. God has commanded us to stand forth in the liberty which Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear. Let all we do be done to the glory of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern:

Dear sister associations, this being our Forty-third Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks to God who rules both time and season, both heaven and earth. Since meeting together in our annual session, many of our friends have gone to their longed-for eternal home. To us who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord, and the shortening of time and the lengthening of eternity. For we know that the time that knows us now will know us no more.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers, that the chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD, Moderator
ELDER J. R. DANCY, Assistant Moderator
W. W. WILLIAMS, Association Clerk
H. H. BARNES, Assistant Association Clerk

ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1953

Association contribution	$578.50
Public collection	129.50
In old treasury	71.00
Total amount	$779.00
Association expenses	629.00
Printing minutes	60.00
Amount left in the treasury	$159.00

NAMES OF ELDERS, AND ADDRESSES

Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Julius Hart, Washington, D. C.
Elder William Braswell, Battleboro, N. C.
Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Blonny, Williams, Rt. 3, Box 58, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Alex Jones, Fremont, N. C.
Elder J. J. Adams, Rt. 1, Cascade, Va.
Elder Cecil Alston, Rt. 2, Burlington, N. C.
Elder Joe Taylor, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder E. J. Bateman, P. O. Box 11, Monteromo, Ga.
Elder George Penn, Rt. 3, Box 69, Ridgeway, Ga.
Elder David Bynum, Rt. 1, Box 339, Lucama, N. C.
Elder Lawrence Reves, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Jimie Wilson, Rt. 1, Cascade, Va.
Elder O. G. Tatum, Box 175, Madison, N. C. Phone 9-452
Elder Robert Reves, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder B. McLordain, Blairs, Va.
Elder F. B. Bell. Oak City, N. C.
Elder Roosevelt Thomas, R. F. D., 1, Bassett, Va.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Samuel Cherry, Washington, D. C.
Brother Charlie Mock Bullock, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother W. W. Williams, Macclesfield, N. C.
Broter H. H. Barnes, Rocky Mount,N. C. Rt. 2, Box 94

DEACONS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Brother Russell Harriss, Rt. 1, Box 21, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Frank Short, Rt. 1, Box 133, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Charlie Staton, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Nathan Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 131, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Jessie Woodard, Rt. 1, Box 278, Fountain, N. C.
Brother Turner Flowers, Rt. 3, Box 214, Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Russell Wooten, Rt. 1, Box 267, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Benjamin Barnes, Tarboro, N. C.
Brother John Horner, Elm City, N. C.
Brother Amos Horner, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Simpson Hart, Rt. 2, Box 387, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Blis Robinson, Rt. 5, Box 198, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Herbert Shelly, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C.
Brother Fate Coley, Fremont, N. C.
Brother V. Rickson, Wilson, N. C.
Brother Winrod Carney, Coneta, N. C.
Brother Johnnie Wodley, Rocky Mount, N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few in Number: Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem: Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope: First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope: Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel: Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rocky Valley: Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive: First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill: First Sunday and Saturday before.
Willow's Chapel: Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel: Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch: Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Litle Living Hope: Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Zionist Grove: Second Sunday and Saturday before.

OBITUARIES

Few in Number Obituaries for 1953:

Sister Emmie Hyman died June 8, 1953. She was a member of the Few in Number Church for forty years and proved faithful until the end.

Sister Estello Hill died June 26, 1953. She was a member of the Few in Number Church for eighteen years and proved faithful until the end.

William's Chapel obituaries for 1953:

Sister Minnie Bell Evertle died November 5, 1953. She was a member of the Williams' Chapel Church for a few years and was faithful until death.

Sister Lizza Brown died Tuesday after the second Sunday in December, 1952. She was a member of the William's Chapel Church for many years and proved faithful until the end.

Elder Luther Hyman died Thursday before the third Sunday in February, 1953. He was a member of the Wiliam's Chapel Church for many years and proved faithful until death.

New Hope obituaries for 1953:

Sister Florence Ellis died November 14, 1953. She was a member of the New Hope Church for a few years and proved faithful to the end.

Zion Hill obituaries for 1953:

Brother Samuel Winstead died February 10, 1953 at the age of 85 years. He proved a dear and lovely brother for five years. We miss our dear brother. He was so loving and so dear. He was a member at Zion Hill. We loved Brother Winstead but God loved him best, so sleep on dear Brother Winstead.

Little Living Hope obituaries for 1953:

Brother Octave Hagons departed this life September 26, 1953. He joined the Little Living Hope Church August 27, 1950, making his stay with the Primitive Baptist faith 3 years and 1 day. He was a faithful and lovely member through trials and tribulations, willing to do what ever he could when called upon by his fellow members. We love him but God loved his best and called him home to rest.

Living Hope obituaries for 1953:

Brother George Willouhby departed this life November 17, 1953 at the age of 50 years. He was a member of the Living Hope Church 4 years and 7 months. He proved faithful until the end. Sleep on dear Brother.

Sister Hollie Willoughby departed this life February 3, 1953. She joined the Living Hope Church April 1, 1917, making her a member of the Primitive Baptists for 35 years, 10 months and 2 days. She served as a sister and mother for these many years. She proved faithful until the end in all her duties.

Sister Cora Farmer departed this life April 28, 1953. She joined the Living Hope Church February 4, 1933, making her stay with the Primitive Baptist faith 20 year, 2 months and 24 days. She proved faithful until death. We loved all of our brethren and sisters of the Living Hope Church, but God loved them best and took them home to rest, so sleep on brethren and sisters in the Lord.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.

2. The oldest first in order.

3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.

5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.

8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.

9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH AND COUNTY	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	DELEGATES	Rec'd by baptism	Conf. Faith	Rec'd by Letter	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Membership
Few in Number . Edgecombe	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	R. Harriss, F. Sharp	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	118
Bethlehem ..... Edgecombe		C. Staton, B. Barnes	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	38
Living Hope .... Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	N. Johnson, J. Woodard	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	45
New Hope ..... Wilson		J. Horner, A. Horner ...	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	40
Johnson's Chapel, Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	B. Barnes, S. Morgan ...	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	12
Little Rocky Valley, Edgec'b	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	J. Woodly, A. Horner ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
Mount Olive ..... Green	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C	S. Shelby, R. Harris	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	11
Zion Hill .....Nash	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C.	B. Robinson, R. Harris .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9.
Wiliam's Chapel . Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	T. Flowers, R Wooten ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	27.
Weaver's Chapel .Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	W. Carney, H. Hart	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Antioch ..... Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	H. Hart, W. Williford ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Little Living Hope .. Wayne	Eld. Willis Ellis, Wilson, N. C. ...	S. Coley, V. Rickson ...	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	24
Zionist Grove ... Edgecombe	Eld. Ben. Cherry, Rocky Mt., N. C.	R. Robinson, J. Ricks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Minutes

— of the —

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Bethlehem

Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH

Edgecomb County, North Carolina
Commencing Friday before the second
Sunday in October,

1954

Next session convenes with the Willow Chapel Church, Edgecomb County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1955.

— Officers —

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD - Moderator, Tarboro, N. C.
ELDER J. R. DANCY - Assistant Mod., Pinetops, N. C.
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Proceedings

FRIDAY, October 8, 1954.

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Few in Number Church, Edgecomb County, North Carolina. Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 38. Elder W. M. Weaver led in prayer.

Elder J. H. Winstead preached the Introductory Sermon from 2 Tim. 1. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 200 and preached alternate sermon from 2 Tim. 1. Elder J. H. Winstead then dismissed for one hour and a half.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association reassembled and Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 487, and announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. H. Winstead be chosen Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October, 1955.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. R. Dancy be chosen Assistant Moderator until October, 1955.

Agreed on motion that Brother W. W. Williams be chosen as Clerk of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association.

Agreed on motion that rother H. H. Barnes be chosen as Assistant Clerk.

Agreed on motion that delegates and messengers of the associations with whom we correspond be invited to sit with us and take a part in our Association conference, and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion, Brother Russell Harris be chosen Chairman Deacon of the Association until October, 1955.

Agreed on motion that Brother Herbert Shelly be chosen as Assistant, until October, 1955.

Agreed on motion that Elder J. H. Winstead, Brothers Russell Harris, Russell Wooten be chosen a Committee on Preaching from day to day.

Agreed on motion that Brother W. R. Kelly be chosen to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

Agreed on motion we see who shall preach this afternoon. The committee decide Elders Alex Jones, William Braswell,

Levi Hill, and Benjamin Cherry preach for the people.

Agreed on motion that Brothers Herbert Shelly, Russell Wooten and Simpson Hart be chosen a Committee on Finance.

Agreed on motion that delegates from sister associations with whom we correspond make their report:

Radicue: Elder Charlie Bullock came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Radicue Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. The next session will be with the Seven Springs Church in Rocky Mount, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Union: Elder Uriah Parker came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Union Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next Association will be with the Union Grove Church in Wilson, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Loving: Brother Lee Petteway came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Loving Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next association will be with Eden Chapel Church, Richlands, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Chestnut Knob: Elder R. L. Pannill came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Chestnut Knob Association be received by the Moderator extending him the right hand of fellowship. The next association will be with the Flat Rock Church, eight miles east of Martinsville, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1955.

Roanoke: Elder B. L. Carter came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Roanoke Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next association will be with

Blue Creek Church, Leaksville, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July, 1955.

Contentnea: Brother Bennie Bryant came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Contentnea Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next association will be with the Bellamy Chapel Church, Sharpsburg, N. C., the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954.

Long Branch: Elder John Charles came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Long Branch Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next association will be with the Leggett Chapel Church the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Mount Pleasant: Elder A. J. Munlin came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Mount Pleasant Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next association will be with Eden Church, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954.

Piedmont Association: Elder E. C. Claytor came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Piedmont Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next association will be held with County Seat, Rocky Mt., Va., the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1955.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Cecil Alston came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Cooper's Grove Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next association will be held with the Living Hope Church on Highway 62, 15 miles north of Burlington, the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August, 1955.

Cub Run: Elder Eugene Gilliam came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Cub Run Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next association to be with the St. Luke Church, 200 G. St., Northeast Washington, D. C., the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1955.

Little River: Corresponded by letter and minutes. Agreed on motion that the letter from Little River Association be read. Agreed on moion that the letter be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the bearer. Next association will be with Princeton Church, Princeton, N. C., the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Agreed on motion that the petitionary letters be called for if there be any. Elder J. L. Wade came forth with a file of minutes petitioning and asking to be received again in correspondence from the Mount Zion Association. Agreed on motion that the delegate be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship, bringing him back in correspondence with the Bethlehem Association.

Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for and read. Agreed on motion that thirteen letters were handed in and read by the Clerk. Agreed that letters from the sister churches be received.

Agreed on motion that we see where the next association will convene. The Willow Chapel Church asked for the next session. Agreed on motion that the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association be held with the Willow Chapel Church, Edgecomb County, North Carolina, in Old Sparta, N. C. Agreed on motion that Elder J. H. Winsteaed preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. R. Dancy alternate, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris be chosen Treasurer of the Bethlehem Association. Agreed on motion that the Treasurer make his report. Agreed on motion that the report be received. Amount in treasury, $35.00.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 487. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD, Moderator
ELDER J. R. DANCY, Ass't. Moderator
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Ass't. Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, October 9, 1954.

Conference opened pursuant to adjournment. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 188. Deacon Simpson Hart led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver announced the house in order for business.

Elder W. M. Weaver read the scripture lesson from Timothy 4-15.

Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding associations in yesterday's proceedings and the Circular Letter be read. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding associations in yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be received.

Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report. Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee report be received. Amount raised from churches, $561.00.

Agreed on motion that the Committee on Preaching report who shall preach for the people: Brother Bennie Bryant, Elder Darden, Elder Blonny Williams, Elder John Charge, Elder Charlie Bullock, Elder W. M. Weaver go out and conduct the preaching.

Agreed on motion that Corresponding Association and Sandy Ridge Association not represented in the Association this time.

Agreed on motion to take up delegates to visit sister associations with whom we correspond. Agreed on motion that we send the following:

Sandy Ridge: Elder Willie Ellis. Third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954.

Long Branch: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt. Third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954 at Leggett Chapel Church.

Contentnea: Elder Blonny Williams. Fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954 with Bellamy Chapel Church in Sharpsburg, N. C.

Mount Pleasant: Elder J. H. Winstead. Fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1954 with Eden Church.

Roanoke: Elder Charlie Mack Bullock. Fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July in 1955 with Blue Creek Church, Leaksville.

Chestnut Knob: Elder J. H. Winstead. Second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1955 at Flat Rock Church, eight miles east of Martinsville, Va.

Cub Run: Elder J. H. Winstead. Third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1955 at St. Luke Church, 200 G. St., Northeast, Washington, D. C.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Alex Darden. Third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August, 1955.

Loving: Elder W. M. Weaver. Fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1955 at Eden Chapel Church.

Piedmont: Elder Levi Hill. Fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1955 at Rocky Mt., Va.

Little River: Elder William Braswell. Second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955 at Princeton Church, Princeton, N. C.

Corresponding: Elder Benjamin Cherry. Second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955 with the Zion Grove Church, Gold Point, N. C.

Radicue: Brother Johnnie Rodgers. First Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955 with the Seven Springs Church in Rocky Mount, N. C.

Union: Elder Alex Jones. Frist Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955, with Union Grove Church in Wilson, N. C.

Mount Zion: Elder J. H. Winstead. First Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1955.

Agreed on motion that the Church Government, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our Minutes.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that we have 800 copies of our Minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk. Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of the elders be printed in our Minutes. Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of the deacons be printed in our Minutes. Agreed on motion that the obituaries be printed in our Minutes.

Agreed on motion that we take up no form of new business.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association will not fellowship any association with whom we correspond who has in her members who are not in good standing and in full fellowship.

Agreed on motion that Brethren Russell Harris, Russell Wooten, Charlie Staton, Nathan Johnson, Turner Flowers, State Worsley take up collection from day to day.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until the second Friday in October, 1955. Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 334. Benediction by Elder Cecil Alston.

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD, Moderator
ELDER J. R. DANCY, Ass't. Moderator
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Ass't. Clerk

ELDERS, THEIR ADDRESSES, AND TIME OF MEETING

Few in Number: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem: Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February

Living Hope: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in February.

New Hope: Second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Johnson's Chapel: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Rocky Valley: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C.

Third Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Mt. Olive: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Zion Hill: Elder Blonny Williams, Rt. 3, Box 58, Elm City, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in January

William's Chapel: Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Weaver's Chapel: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Antioch: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Living Hope: Elder Willie Ellis, Rt. 1, Box 110A, Wilson, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Zionist Grove: Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Benjamin Cherry sang hymn 411, read for scripture lesson, Luke 25. Elder William Braswell led in prayer. Elder Alex Jones sang hymn 200 and preached from John 5:5. Elder William Braswell sang hymn 355 preached from St. John 14. Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 400 and preached from Matt. 3. Elder Benjamin Cherry preached and bore witness with the brethren. Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 128 and closed. Benediction by Elder Levi Hill.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 155 for opening. Deacon Russell Harris led in prayer. Elder E. Callier from the Cub Run Association sang hymn 3, preached from Paul 9:9. Elder H. A. Coles from the Roanoke Association sang hymn 353 and preached from St. John 1. Elder J. L. Wade from the Mount Zion Association sang hymn 355 and preached from Kings 3:17. Elder R. L. Pannill from Chestnut Knob Association sang hymn 270 and preached from Ex. 3. Elder A. J. Munlin from Mount Pleasant Association sang "Let Your Light Shine" and preached from Ezek. 8. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 400. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY MORNING

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 275. Brother H. Barnes led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver read scripture lesson from Rom. 8. Brother Bennie Bryant sang hymn 201 and preached from St. John 1. Elder Alex Darden sang hymn 273 and preached from Luke 18. Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 200 and preached from Rom. 8. Elder John Charge sang hymn 3 and preached from John 1. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 533 and preached from Joshua 53. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 153. Prayer by Elder Charlie Mack Bullock. Sang hymn 200 and preached from St. John 1:1. Elder E. C. Claytor from the Piedmont Association sang hymn 356 and preached from Psalms. Elder H. C. Coles from Roanoke Association preached from Matt. 25:5. Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 353 and preached from Isa. 6, 14:1. Elder Johnnie B. Pitt sang hymn 490 and preached from St. John 1:1. Elder A. J. Munlin sang hymn 3 and preached on the subject of Babel. Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 617 for closing. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 522. Elder Charlie Mack Bullock led in prayer. Elder H. A. Coles from the Roanoke Association sang hymn 12, preached from Rev. 12. Elder R. L. Pannill from Chestnut Knob Association preached from Rom. 10. Elder Cecil Alston from Cooper's Grove Association sang hymn 82, preached from John 9:1. Elder A. J. Munlin from Mount Pleasant Association sang hymn 396 and preached. Elder J. H. Winstead sang closing hymn, 73. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SUNDAY MORNING

Elder Charlie Mack Bullock, sang hymn 400 for opening. Prayer by Elder Charlie Bullock and preached from St. John 15. Elder John Charge preached from Gen. 7:1. Elder Uriah

Parker preached from Rev. 20. Elder J. L. Wade from the Mount Zion Association sang hymn 3 and preached from St. John 15. Elder E. Collier from the Cub Run Association sang hymn 63 and preached from St. John 15:1. Elder E. C. Claytor sang hymn 476 and preached from Ex. 46. Elder A. J. Munlin sang hymn 623 and preached from Gal. 6. Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 507 and preached from Psalms 90. Elder Johnnie B. Pitt preached from St. John 15. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 618 and preached from Psalms 23. Elder Johnnie Morning sang hymn 411 and preached from 2 Kings 17. Elder Willie Ellis preached from Isa. 4:1. Elder J. H. Winstead sang closing hymn 689. Benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the Fourty-fourth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association held with the Few in Number Church, Edgecomb County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1954.

Dear Brethren: The Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for preserving our lives in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear. Let all we do be done to the glory of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sister Associations: This being our Forty-fourth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heart-felt thanks to God who rules both heaven and earth. Since meeting together in our annual session, many of our friends have gone to their longed-for eternal home. To us who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord, and the shortening of time and the lengthening of eternity. For we

know that the time that knows us will know us no more.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers, that the Chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ELDER J. H. WINSTEAD, Moderator
ELDER J. R. DANCY, Ass't. Moderator
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Ass't. Clerk

ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1955

Association contribution	$556.00
Public collection	171.27
In old treasury	35.00
Total amount	762.27
Association expenses	557.27
Printing minutes	60.00
Amount left in the treasury	$145.00

NAMES OF ELDERS, AND ADDRESSES

Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Julius Hart, Washington, D. C.
Elder William Braswell, Battleboro, N. C.
Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Blonny, Williams, Rt. 3, Box 58, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Alexander Darden, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Alex Jones, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Charlie Mack Bullock, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder J. J. Adams, Rt. 1, Cascade, Va.
Elder Cecil Alston, Rt. 2, Burlington, N. C.
Elder Charlie Bullock, Tarboro, N. C.

Elder Uriah Parker, Rt. 1, Box 167, Greenville, N. C.
Elder A. J. Munlin, 219 Roundtree St., 731 JI Statesboro, Ga.
Elder John Charge, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder S. P. Clayton, Beckley, W. Va.
Elder J. L. Wade, Eckman, W. Va.
Elder R. L. Pannill, R.F.D. Box 581, Phone 5384, Bassett, Va.
Elder Eugene Callier, 2012 Maryland Ave., N. E.,

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Samuel Cherry, Washington, D. C.
Brother Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.
Brother Elvie Hill, Battleboro, N. C.
Brother Lee Petteway, delegate from Loving Association, Jacksonville, N. C.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother W. W. Williams, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother H. H. Barnes, Rt. 2, Box 95, Rocky Mt., N. C.

DEACONS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Brother Russell Harriss, Rt. 1, Box 21, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Charlie Staton, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Nathan Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 131, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Jessie Woodard, Rt. 1, Box 278, Fountain, N. C.
Brother Turner Flowers, Rt. 3, Box 214, Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Russell Wooten, Rt. 1, Box 267, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Benjamin Barnes, Tarboro, N. C.
Brother John Horner, Elm City, N. C.
Brother Amos Horner, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Simpson Hart, Rt. 2, Box 389, Rocky Mt., N. C.
Brother Bliss Robinson, Rt. 5, Box 198, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Herbert Shelly, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C.
Brother Fate Coley, Fremont, N. C.
Brother V. Rickson, Wilson, N. C.
Brother Winrod Carney, Coneta, N. C.
Brother Johnnie Woodly, Rocky Mount, N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Williams Chapel—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch— Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Living Hope—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Zionist Grove—Second Sunday and Saturday before.

OBITUARIES

FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1954.

Sister Bessie Winstead departed this life July 11, 1954. She was a faithful and kind, loving sister. She was a member of the Few in Number Church thirty-eight years and proved faithful until death.

Sister Effie M. Forston departed this life March 18, 1954. She was a faithful and loving and kind sister. She was a member of the Few in Number Church twenty-eight years and proved faithful until death.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1954.

Brother Dave Hiner departed this life after the third Sunday in December, 1953. He was a loving and fatherly member of the Bethlehem Church for a few years proved faithful until death.

Brother Reed Lanster departed this life after the first Sunday in September, a faithful and loving and kind brother to his church. He was a member of the Bethlehem Church for over thirty years and proved faithful until death.

WILLIAMS' CHAPEL OBITUARIES FOR 1954.

Sister Easom departed this life the fourth Saturday in April, 1954. She was a kind and faithful and loving sister. She was a member of the Williams' Chapel Church for about twenty-one years and proved faithful to the day of death.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1954.

Sister Katie Whitkers departed this life some time in the year 1954. She was a member of the New Hope Church for many years, a loving and kind and faithful member until death.

LITTLE LIVING HOPE CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1954.

Sister Mamie Jones departed this life November 4, 1954, a kind and loving and faithful sister. She was a member of the Little Living Hope Church for six years and ten months, and proved faithful to the end.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.

2. The oldest first in order.

3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.

5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.

8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.

9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH AND COUNTY	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	DELEGATES	Rec'd. by Baptism	Conf. of Faith	Rec'd by Letter	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership
Few in Number . Edgecombe	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	R. Harris, S. Worsly	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	114
Bethlehem ..... Edgecombe		C. Staton, B. Barnes	2	..	..	..	1	1	3	40
Living Hope .... Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	N. Johnson, J. Woodard .	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	47
New Hope ..... Wilson		H. Horner, A. Horner ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	40
Johnson's Chapel, Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	B. Barnes, S. Margain ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Little Rocky Valley, Edgec'b	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	J. Woodly, A. Horner ...	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Mount Olive ..... Green	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	S. Shelly, R. Harris	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8
Zion Hill .....Nash	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C.	B. Robison, R. Harris ...	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8
Wiliam's Chapel . Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	T. Flowers, R. Wooten ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	27
Weaver's Chapel .Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	W. Carney, S. Hart	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Antioch ..... Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	S. Hart, W. Williford ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Little Living Hope .. Wayne	Eld. Willis Ellis, Wilson, N. C. ...	F. Coley, V. Rickson ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	23
Zionist Grove ... Edgecombe	Eld. Ben. Cherry, Rocky Mt., N. C.	B. Robinson, J. Ricks ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Fifth

Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Willow Chapel Church

EDGECOMB COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER,

1955

Next session convenes with the Antioch Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1956.

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Proceedings

FRIDAY, October 7, 1955.

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Willow Chapel Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 38. Elder James Wilson led in prayer. Elder J. H. Winstead preached the Introductory Sermon from Timothy 4. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 530 and preached the alternate, same text. Elder J. H. Winstead dismissed for one hour and a half.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association re-assembled and Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 200. Elder Winstead announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that Elder W. M. Weaver be chosen Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October, 1956. Agreed on motion that Elder P. L. Hill be chosen Assistant Moderator until October, 1956. Agreed on motion that Brother W. W. Williams be chosen Clerk and Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen Assistant Clerk.

Agreed on motion that delegates and messengers of associations with whom we correspond be invited to sit with us and take a part in our conference and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris be chosen Chairman Deacon of the Association until October, 1956.

Agreed on motion that Brother Herbert Shelly be chosen Assistant Deacon until October, 1956.

Agreed on motion that Elder W. M. Weaver, Brother Russell Harris, Brother Russell Wooten be chosen Committee on Preaching from day to day.

Agreed on motion that Brother W. R. Kelly be chosen to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

Agreed on motion that we see who shall preach this afternoon. The Committee decided Brother Ruffin Hymon, Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Elder James Wilson, Elder J. J. Adams.

Agreed on motion that Brother Herbert Shelly, Brother Simpson Hart, Brother Russell Wooten be chosen Committee on Finance.

Agreed on motion that delegates from sister associations with

whom we correspond make their reports.

Radicue: Elder Warren Cooper came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Radicue be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be with Art Willow Church, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Loving: Brother Ostell Petteway came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Loving Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. Next session to be three miles from Richlands, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1956.

Chestnut Knob: Elder James Akridge came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Chestnut Knob Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session will be with the Oak Level Church, Oak Level; turn left on highway 220; To be held the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1956.

Contentnea: Elder F. L. Coley came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Contentnea Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session with Bellamy Grove, Knely, N. C., the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Cub Run: Elder Gabriel Duncan came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Cub Run be received, by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be held with Cub Run Church, two miles off highway 29, the third Friday Saturday and Sunday in August, 1956.

Sandy Ridge: Elder O. G. Tatum came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence

to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Sandy Ridge be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be with Tatum Macedonia Church, Martinsville, Highway 58 near Stuwell, Va, the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Roanoke: Elder Lemon Adams came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be with Hackberry Church, twelve miles from Danville, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July, 1956.

Piedmont: Elder T. E. Claytor came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Piedmont Association be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session with Mt. Zion Church, Rocky Mount, Va., (take Highway 40). the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1956.

Long Branch: Brother George Wimbley came forth representing peace and love with a file of minutes, desiring correspondence to continue. Elder Joe Willie Dickens also came as a visitor. Agreed on motion to receive the delegate by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session with the Leggett Chapel Church in Leggett, the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Mount Pleasant: Elder W. M. Smith came with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be with the Promised Land Church, Montezuma, Ga. the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Mount Zion: Elder J. L. Wade came with a file of minutes, representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from the Mount Zion be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be with the Mount Zion Church the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1956.

Union: Elder David Bullock came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be with Williams Chapel Church, south of Walstonburg, N. C., the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Cooper's Grove: Elder W. B. Enoch came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be with the Pilgrim Rest Church, Glencoe Road, Burlington, N. C., the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August in 1956.

Corresponding and Little River Associations not represented this time.

Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for; no response.

Agreed on motion letters from sister churches be called for and read. Agreed on motion that thirteen letters were handed in and read by the Clerk. Agreed on motion that the letters from the sister churches be received.

Agreed on motion that we now see where the next session of the Bethlehem Association shall convene. The Antioch Church asked for the next session. Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association be held with Antioch Church, Edgecomb County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1956. Agreed on motion that Elder W. M. Weaver preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Levi Hill alternate in October, 1956.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris be chosen Treasurer of the Bethlehem Association. Agreed on motion that the Treasurer make his report. Agreed on motion that the report be received—amount in treasury, $31.00.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00

o'clock. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 400. Benediction by Elder T. E. Claytor.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 8, 1955.

Conference opened pursuant to adjournment. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 508. Elder Warren Cooper led in prayer. Elder Levi Hill read Scripture Lesson from Hebrews 1:1. Elder W. M. Weaver announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding associations and yesterday's proceedings and the Circular Letter be read.

Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding associations and yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be received.

Agreed that the Finance Committee make their report. Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee's report be received—amount raised from churches, $531.00.

On motion, agreed that the Committee on Preaching now make their report. The Committee decided that Elder Miles Wooten, Elder David Bullack, Elder F. L. Coley, Elder Joe Taylor.

Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit sister associations with whom we correspond. Agreed on motion that we send the following:

Sandy Ridge: Elder J. H. Winstead, third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Long Branch: Brother Ruffin Hymon, the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Contentnea: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder Willie Ellis, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1955.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Levi Hill, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1956.

Cub Run: Elder W. M. Weaver, the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1956.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Charlie Mock Bullock, the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August, 1956.

Loving: Elder Alex Joyner, the fourth Friday, Saturday and

Sunday in September, 1956.

Piedmont: Elder William Braswell, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1956.

Roanoke: Elder J. H. Winstead, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July, 1956.

Mount Zion: Elder Benjamin Cherry, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1956.

Corresponding: Elder Elvie Hill, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Little River: Elder Blonny Williams, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Radicue: Elder W. M. Weaver, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Union: Elder Levi Hill, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

The Corresponding Association meets with Post Oak Church Highway 309, seven miles from Jacksonville, N. C..

The Little River Association will meet with the Mt. Moriah Church, Smithfield, N. C.

Agreed on motion that the Church Government, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that we have 800 copies of our minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of the elders be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of the deacons be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion that the obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion we take up no form of new business.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association will not fellowship any association with whom we correspond who has any of her members who are not in full fellowship and good standing.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris, Brother Russell Wooten, Brother Charles Staton, Brother Nathan Johnson, Brother Turner Flowers, take up collection from day to day.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Association conference adjourn until the second Friday in October, 1956.

Elder Levi Hill sang hymn 530. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

ELDER W. M. WEAVER, Moderator
ELDER LEVI HILL, Assistant Moderator
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Assistant Clerk

ELDERS, THEIR ADDRESSES AND TIME OF MEETING

Few in Number—Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem—Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C., fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Living Hope—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in February.

New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before in Feb.

Johnson's Chapel—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Rocky Valley—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Third Sunday, and Saturday before in February.

Mt. Olive: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Zion Hill—Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Willow Chapel—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Weaver Chapel—Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Antioch—Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Living Hope—Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Zionist Grove—Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 165 for an opening. Elder Charlie Mock Bullock led in prayer. Elder Blonny Williams read for a lesson the eighth chapter of Romans. Brother Ruffin Hyman preached from Acts 3:4. Elder Johnnie B. Pitt sang hymn 200, preached from St. John 15. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 161, preached from St. John 4:12. Elder James Wilson from Roanoke Association sang hymn 364, preached from Joel 53:9. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 284 for closing. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Richard Martin, Rev. 14:13. Brother Charlie Staton led in prayer. Elder James Akridge from Chestnut Knob sang hymn 3, preached from Matt. 25. Elder Lemon Adams from Roanoke Association, preached from St. John 3, sang with the spirit. Elder G. Duncan from Cub Run Association preached from Joel 37. Elder Richard Martin, Sandy Ridge Association, preached on "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Elder J. J. Adams sang a closing hymn. Benediction by Elder Sylvalia Worsley.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY MORNING

Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn 600. Brother George Wimberly led in prayer. Elder Willie Ellis read for a scripture lesson Matt. 25:1. Elder Miles Wooten sang hymn 56, preached from Gen. 24:3. Elder David Bullock from Union Association sang hymn 141, preached from St. John 9:1. Elder Joe Taylor from Radicue Association sang hymn 144, preached with the Spirit. Elder F. L. Coley from Contentnea Association sang hymn 490, preached from 2 Timothy 6. Elder H. E. Smith from Mount Pleasant Association preached from Rom. 32:9. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 272, preached from Solomon's Song 8. Hymn 382. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 73. Elder Charlie Mock Bullock led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver read the evening lesson from Psalm 90. Elder Joe Willis Dickins from Long

Branch Association preached from St. John 14:1. Elder Paul Alston, Cooper's Grove, sang hymn 703, preached from Rev. 5:5. Elder J. L. Wade from Mount Zion Association sang hymn 355, preached from Luke 15:17. Elder Warren Cooper from Radicue sang hymn 1, preached with the Spirit. Elder Richard Martin from Sandy Ridge preached with the Spirit. Elder J. J. Adams sang closing hymn, 689. Benediction by Elder Paul Alston.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 38. Deacon Washington led in prayer. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 530, preached on "Ye must be born again." Elder J. H. Reid sang hymn 689, preached from Psalms 189. Elder O. G. Tatum sang hymn 188, preached from Matt. 16:4. Elder T. E. Claytor from Piedmont preached from Joel 40. Elder D. S. Morton sang hymn 115 for closing. Benediction by Elder D. S. Morton.

MINISTERS' TEXTS SUNDAY MORNING

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 530. Elder Charlie Mock Bullock led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver read scripture lesson from Hebrews 26. Elder Johnnie B. Pitt sang hymn 353, preached from St. John 14:15. Elder Lemon Adams sang with the Spirit, preached from St. John 10. Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 353, preached from Jer. 1:1. Elder W. B. Enoch preached with the Spirit. Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn 400, preached from Ex. 5. Elder J. W. Winstead sang hymn 356, preached wit the Spirit. Elder T. E. Claytor preached from Mark 10. Elder J. H. Morning sang hymn 288, preached from St. John 15. Elder W. M. Weaver sang closing hymn, 275. Benediction by Elder Levi Hill.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the forty-fifth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Willow Chapel Church, Edgecomb County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1955.

Dear Brethren,—The Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, south, east, west. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for preserving our lives in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear. Let all we do be done to the glory of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sister Associations:—This being our forty-fifth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks to God who rules both in heaven and earth. Since meeting together in our Annual Session, many of our friends have gone to their longed-for eternal home. To us who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So Brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord and the shortening of time and the lengthening of eternity. For we know that the time that knows us now will know us no more.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers, that the Chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ELDER W. M. WEAVER, Moderator
ELDER LEVI HILL, Assistant Moderator
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Assistant Clerk

ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1955

Association contribution	$531.00
Public collection	154.40
In old Treasury	31.00
Total amount	$716.40
Association expenses	$512.40
Printing minutes	67.00
Amount left in Treasury	$157.00

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Elder W. M. Weaver, 906 E. Wilson St., Tarboro, N. C. Ph.3782
Elder Levi Hill, P. O. Box 6, Battleboro, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead, Rt. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Julius Hart, Washington, D. C.
Elder William Braswell, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Blonny Williams, Rt. 3, Box 58, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Alex Jones, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Charlie Mock Bullock, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Ruffin Hyman, R.F.D., Fountain, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Samuel Cherry, Washington, D. C.
Brother Elvie Hill, Battleboro, N. C.

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Brother W. W. Williams, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother H. H. Barnes, Rocky Mount, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 94.

DEACONS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Brother Russell Harris, Rt. 1, Box 21, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Charlie Station, R.F.D. 1, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Nathan Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 131, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Jessie Woodard, Rt. 1, Box 278, Fountain, N. C.
Brother Turner Flowers, R.F.D., Box 198, Kingsboro, N. C.
Brother Russell Wooten, Rt. 1, Box 267, Mocclesfield, N. C.
Brother John Horner, Elm City, N. C.
Brother Amos Horner, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Simpson Hart, Rt. 2, Box 389, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Bliss Robinson, Rt. 5, Box 198, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Herbert Shelly, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C.
Brother Fate Coley, Fremont, N. C.
Brother V. Rickson, Wilson, N. C.
Brother Winrod Carney, R.F.D., Coneta, N. C.
Brother John H. Woodly, Rt. 3, Box 614, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Stephen Margrove, Wilson St., Tarboro, N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Williams Chapel—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch— Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Living Hope—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Zionist Grove—Second Sunday and Saturday before.

OBITUARIES

FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1955—

Sister Emma Staton departed this life in October, 1955. She had been a member of Few in Number Church for thirty-six years, and proved faithful until death.

LIVING HOPE OBITUARIES FOR 1955—

Sister Mary Barnes departed this life April, 1955. She had been a member of Living Hope Church sixteen years and eleven months, and five days. She proved faithful until death.

NEW HOPE OBITUARIES FOR 1955—

Sister Fanny Meek departed this life in 1955. She had been a member of the New Hope Church for over forty years, and proved faithful until the end.

WEAVER CHAPEL CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1955—

Brother Samuel Knight departed this life in October 1955. He had been a member of Weavers Chapel Church for many years, and proved faithful unto the end. Sleep on Brothe Knight, sleep on in the arms of Jesus.

ANTIOCH CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1955—

Sister Mary Braswell departed this life in July, 1955. She had been a member of Antioch Church many years and proved faithful unto the end.

JOHNSON CHAPEL OBITUARIES FOR 1955—

Brother Benjamin Barnes departed this life in January, 1955. He had been a member of the Johnson Chapel Church for many years, and proved faithful until the end.

We loved all the brethren and sisters in the Lord. Sleep on dear brethren and sisters, in the Lord.

CORRESPONDING ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder Warren Cooper, Fountain, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Morning, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder Uriah Parker, Rt. 1, Box 167, Greenville, N. C.
Elder W. B. Enoch, Rt., Tel. 2753, Burlington, N. C.
Elder Paul R. Alston, 1419 52nd Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C. Tel. 3-6634
Elder J. L. Wade Eckman, W. Va.
Elder R. H. Martin, A80, Micky Mill Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder O. G. Tatum, Box 175, Phone 9452, Madison, N. C.
Elder J. J. Adams, Rt. 1, Box 153, Cascade, Va.
Elder Lemon Adams, Danville, Va.
Elder Gabriel Duncan, M.B. 164, Browning, Tel. 8-8793, Centerville, Va.
Elder Joe Willis Dickens, Rt. 2, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder T. E. Claytor, Rt. 1, Box 14, Salem, Va., Ph. 5281.
Elder F. L. Coiey, Rt. 2, Box 20, Lucama, N. C.
Elder Jimmie Wilson, Rt. 1, Cascade, Va.
Elder H. E. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 48, Rock Ford, Ga.
Elder J. H. Reid, Washington, D. C.
Elder James Akridge, Bassett, Va.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.

2. The oldest first in order.

3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.

5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.

8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.

9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's

heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

Statistical Table

CHURCH AND COUNTY	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Baptism	Conf. of Faith	Rec'd by letter	Dism'd. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership
Few in Number . Edgecombe	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	R. Harris, G. Jenkins	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	112
Bethlehem ..... Edgecombe	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C.	C. Staton, H. Barnes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Living Hope .... Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	N. Johnson, J. Woodard ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	45
New Hope ..... Wilson		J. Horner, A. Horner	..	..	..	..	9	..	3	29
Johnson's Chapel, Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	S. Margain, J. Loreme ...	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	11
Little Rocky Valley, Edgec'b	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	J. Woodly, A. Horner	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Mount Olive ..... Green	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	R. Harris, H. Shelly	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Zion Hill .....Nash	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C.	B. Robinson, R. Harris ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	8
Wiliam's Chapel . Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	T. Flowers, R. Wooten ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Weaver's Chapel .Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	W. Carney, H. Hart	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	12
Antioch ..... Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	S. Hart, W. Williford ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12
Little Living Hope .. Wayne	Eld. Willis Ellis, Wilson, N. C. ...	F. Coley, R. Barnes	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	24
Zionist Grove ... Edgecombe	Eld. Ben. Cherry, Rocky Mt., N. C.	B. Robinson, J. Ricks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Sixth

Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Antioch Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
COMMENCING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER,

1956

Next session convenes with the New Hope Church, Wilson County, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1957.

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Proceedings

FRIDAY, October 12, 1956.

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Antioch Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 530. Brother George Dickins led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver read the Scripture Lesson from Timothy 2. Elder W. M. Weaver preached the Introductory Sermon from Timothy 4. Elder P. L. Hill preached the alternate sermon from Timothy 4. Elder W. M. Weaver dismissed for an hour and a half. Benediction by Elder Soldier Hairston.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, October 12, 1956.

The Association re-assembled and Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 530. Elder Willie Ellis led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that Elder W. M. Weaver be chosen as Moderator of Bethlehem Association until October, 1957.

Agreed on motion that Elder P. L. Hill be chosen Assistant Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October, 1957.

Agreed on motion that Brother W. W. Williams be chosen Clerk of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association.

Agreed on motion that Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen Assistant Clerk of Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association.

Agreed on motion that delegates from sister churches and corresponding delegates from sister associations with whom we are in correspondence be invited to sit with us and take a part in our Association conference, and feel themselves to be at home.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris be chosen Chairman Deacon of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October, 1957.

Agreed on motion that Brother Herbert Shelly be chosen Assistant Deacon until October, 1957.

Agreed on motion that Elder W. M. Weaver, Brother Russell Harris, Brother Russell Wooten be chosen a Committee on Preaching from day to day.

Agreed on motion that Brother W. R. Kelly be chosen to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

Agreed on motion that we see who shall preach this afternoon.

The Committee decided that Elder Charlie Mock Bullock, Elder A. L. Perry, Elder William Braswell, Elder George Stark.

Agreed on motion that Brothers Herbert Shelley, Russell Wooten and Simpson Hart be chosen a Committee on Finance.

Agreed on motion that delegates from sister associations with whom we correspond now make their reports:

Radicue: Elder J. H. Morning came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Radicue Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to him. The next session will be with the Harper Church, first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957.

Contentnea: Elder S. L. Woodard came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Contentnea be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to him. The next session will be with the Little Nahunta Church in Fremont, North Carolina the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Cub Run: Elder Julius Hart came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Cub Run be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session sits with the St. Luke Church, two blocks from Eighth Street, Washington D. C., third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1957.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Soldier Hairston came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Sandy Ridge be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session sits with the Stoneville Church. Come to Danville, Virginia, then to Martinsville, then Winister then to Stoneville, Virginia. The third Friday, Sat-

urday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Roanoke: Elder Robert Townes came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Roanoke be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session sits with Creek Church, Danville; take highway 62 about 30 miles; fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July, 1957.

Long Branch: Elder Joe Willie Dickins came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Long Branch be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session will be with Tar River Chapel Church in Tarboro, third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Mount Pleasant: Elder A. L. Perry came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Mount Pleasant be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session to be with Bethlehem Church, Emanuel, Georgia, six miles east of Wooly, Ga., from highway 7 miles northwest of Mirville, Ga.; from highway 56, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956.

Little River: Corresponding by minutes and letter. Agreed on motion that the letter from the Little River be read. Agreed on motion that the letter and minutes be received by he Moderator extending to the bearer the right hand of fellowship. The next session sits with the Black River Church, Coats, North Carolina, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Cephus Craighead came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Chestnut Knob be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to him. The next session sits with the Piney Grove Church, Highway 220, to left to Sydnorsville, Virginia, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1957.

Loving: Elder B. William Perkins came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Loving be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session sits with the Moriah Chapel Church, highway 258, turn to highway 117 from Jacksonville, N. C., the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957.

Piedmont: Elder B. T. Hairston came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Piedmont be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session to be held the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1957.

Mount Zion: Elder J. L. Wade came forth with a file of minute representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Mount Zion be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits with the Zion Hill Church, North Fork Mountain; come to Bluefield, then to North Fork the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1957.

Union Line: Elder Faite Melton came forth representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Union be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. The next session sits with the Mount Zion Church, six miles south of Greenville the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Irwin Moore came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Cooper's Grove be received by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session sits with High Rock Church, Orange County, the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August, 1957.

Corresponding: Elder Joseph Taylor came forth representing peace and love, desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed

on motion to receive the delegate from Corresponding Association by the Moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship. Next session sits with the Jenkins Chapel Church, Parmelle, N. C., the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957.

Agreed on motion the petitionary letters be called for. None responded.

Agreed on motion letters from sister churches be called for and read. Agreed on motion thirteen letters were handed in and read by the Clerk.

Agreed on motion that we now see where the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association shall sit; the New Hope Church asked for the next session. Agreed on motion that the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association be held with the New Hope Church, Wilson County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1957.

Agreed on motion that Elder W. M. Weaver preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Ruffin Hyman alternate, in October, 1957.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris be chosen Treasurer of the Bethlehem Association. Agreed on motion that the report be received. Amount in the Treasury, $8.00.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter. Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 189. Benediction by Elder P. L. Hill.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 13, 1956.

Conference opened pursuant to adjournment. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 168. Elder J. H. Morning led in prayer. Elder P. L. Hill read Scripture Lesson. Elder W. M. Weaver announced the house in order for business.

Agreed on motion that the roll of church and list of corresponding associations and yesterday's proceedings and the Circular Letter be read.

Agreed on motion the roll of churches and list of corresponding associations and yesterday's proceedings and the Cir-

cular Letter be received.

Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report. Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee report be received. Amount received from churches, $533.00.

Agreed on motion that the Committee on Preaching now make their report. The Committee decided Elder Willie Bullock, Elder A. L. Perry, Elder Julius Hart, Elder J. L. Wade, Elder Willis Ellis.

Agreed on motion that we take up delegates to visit the associations with whom we are in correspondence. Agreed on motion that we send the following:

Long Branch: Elder Johnnie Rodgers, the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956, with Tar River Chapel Church in Tarboro.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Julius Hart; the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956, with Stoneville Church.

Contentnea: Elder Ruffin Hymon; the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956, with the Little Nahunta.

Mount Pleasant: Elder J. H. Winstead, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1956, with the Bethlehem Church.

Roanoke: Elder Charlie Mock Bullock, the fourth Friday Saturday and Sunday in July, 1957, with the Creek Church.

Chestnut Knob: Elder W. M. Weaver; the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1957, with the Piney Grove Church.

Cooper's Grove: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August, 1957, with the High Rock Church in Orange County.

Cub Run: Brother Samuel Cherry, the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1957, with the Moriah Church. Washington, D. C.

Piedmont: Elder W. M. Weaver, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1957.

Loving: Elder William Braswell, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1957, with the Mariah Church.

Radicue: Elder P. L. Hill, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957.

Union Line: Elder Benjamin Cherry, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957, with the Mount Zion Church, six miles south of Greenville.

Corresponding: Elder Alex Jones, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957, with Jenkins Chapel Church in Parmelle.

Little River: Elder Elvie Hill, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1957 with the Black River Church in Coats, North Carolina.

Agreed on motion that the Church Government, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed on motion that we have 800 copies of our minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk. Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of the elders be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion that the names and addresses of the deacons be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion the Obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion we take up a form of new business.

Agreed on motion the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association will not fellowship any association with whom we correspond who received any of her members who are not in full fellowship and in good standing at home.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris, Brother Russell Wooten, Brother Charlie Staton, Brother Nathan Johnson, Brother Turner Flowers take up collection from day to day.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until the second Friday in October, 1957. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 400. Benediction by Elder P. L. Hill.

ELDER W. M. WEAVER, Moderator
ELDER P. L. HILL, Ass't. Moderator
BRO. W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BRO. H. H. BARNES, Ass't. Clerk

MINISTERS' TEXTS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Benjamin Cherry sang hymn 522 and led in prayer. Read Scripture Lesson form Luke 22. Elder Charlie Mock Bullock preached from Rev. with the spirit. Brother Rudolph Perry from Mt. Pleasant sang hymn 490, preached from St. Luke 19. Elder George Storpe from Radicue sang hymn 3, preached from St. John 14. Elder William Braswell sang hymn 144, preached from St. John 15. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 270 for closing. Benediction by Elder P. L. Hill.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 522, Brother Harry Bullock led in prayer. Elder W. M. Weaver read for opening, Heb. 2. Elder Ronond Hairston sang hymn 490. Elder A. J. Munlin from Mt. Pleasant sang hymn 382, preached from Mal. 3. Elder Alex Jones sang hymn 76, preached from St. John 15. Elder S. H. Hairston of Sandy Ridge sang hymn 355, preached from St. John 14:14. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 689, for closing. Benediction by Elder Johnnie B. Pitt.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY MORNING

Elder Benjamin Cherry sang hymn 76 for opening and led in prayer and read a Scripture Lesson from Matt. 24:2. Elder William Bullock sang hymn 38, preached from Acts 1:6. Elder R. A. Perry sang hymn 3, preached from Psalms 32. Elder Julius Hart sang hymn 128, preached with the spirit. Willie Ellis sang hymn 26, preached from Jer. 6:16. Elder Faite Melton from Union sang hymn 133, preached from Luke 15:18. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 211. Benediction by Brother Willie Staton.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 76. Elder Charlie Mock Bullock led in prayer. Elder Irwin Moore from Cooper's Grove preached from Matt. 14:15. Elder Joseph Taylor preached from Rev. 7:8. Elder Roosevelt Thomas from Chestnut Knob sang hymn 155, preached from St. Mark 10:12. Elder Robert Townes sang hymn 3, preached from Ezek. 33. Elder

J. L. Wade from the Mt. Zion sang hymn 355, preached from Dan. 25:22. Elder R. L. Pannill, Mt. Pleasant, sang hymn 490, preached from Sam. 16. Elder Johnnie Morning from Radicue sang hymn 188, preached from St. John. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 288 for closing. Benediction by S. H. Hairston.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SATURDAY NIGHT

Brother Samuel Cherry sang hymn 440, preached from Ex. 22:25. Elder B. T. Hairston from Piedmont, preached from Matt. 14:15. Elder Rudolph Perry preached from St. Luke Elder Cephus Craighead, from Chestnut Knob, sang hymn 631, preached from St. John 4:5. Elder J. J. Adams preached with the spirit from 1 Peter 2, 3. Elder H. E. Claytor sang with the spirit and preached from Dan. 40. Elder R. L. Pannill sang hymn 270, preached from Ex. 3. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 400 for closing. Benediction by Elder J. H. Morning.

MINISTERS' TEXTS, SUNDAY MORNING

Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 570. Elder Charlie Mock Bullock led in prayer. Elder P. L. Hill read the Scripture Lesson from Romans on "Duty." Elder Ruffin Hymon preached from St. John 9. Elder S. H. Hairston preached from Matt. 15:10. Elder Joe Willie Dickins preached from St. Luke 15. Elder Johnnie B. Pitt sang hymn 353, preached from Gen. 1. Elder B. T. Hairston preached with the spirit. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 506, preached from Joel 14:14. Elder S. L. Modorah sang hymn 334, preached with the spirit. Elder R. H. Martin preached with the spirit. Elder J. H. Winstead, sang hymn 356, preached from Gen. 1. Elder Charlie Mock Bullock sang hymn 615. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association held with the Antioch Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1956.

Dear Brethren:—The Lord has blessed us to meet again

from the north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for preserving our lives in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear; let all we do be done to the glory of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sister Associations—This being our Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks to God who rules both in heaven and earth. Since meeting together in our Annual Session, many of our friends have gone to their longed for and eternal home. To us who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So Brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord and the shortening of time and the lengthening of eternity. For we know that the time that knows us will know us no more. Brethren, remember us in your prayer, that the Chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ELDER W. M. WEAVER, Moderator
ELDER P. L. HILL, Assistant Moderator
BRO. W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BRO. H. H. BARNES, Assistant Clerk

ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1956

Association contribution	$533.00
Public collection	188.14
In old treasury	6.00
Total amount	$727.14
Association expenses	$536.40
Printing minutes	60.00
Amount left in treasury	$104.00

ELDERS, THEIR ADDRESSES AND TIME OF MEETING

Few in Number—Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem—Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C., fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Living Hope—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in February.

New Hope—Elder Ruffin Hymon, Fountain, N. C. Second Sunday, Saturday before in February.

Johnson's Chapel—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Rocky Valley—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Third Sunday, and Saturday before in February.

Mt. Olive: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Zion Hill—Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C. First Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Willow Chapel—Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Weaver Chapel—Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Antioch—Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Living Hope—Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Zionist Grove—Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C. Second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Elder W. M. Weaver,Tarboro, N. C., Ph. 3782.
Elder P. L. Hill, P. O. Box 6, Battleboro, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead, Rt. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Julius Hart, Washington, D. C.
Elder William Braswell, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Blonnie Williams, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Alex Jones, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Charlie Mock Bullock, Pinetops, N. C.

Elder Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Ruffin Hyman, R.F.D., Fountain, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Samuel Cherry, Washington, D. C.
Brother Elvie Hill, Battleboro, N. C.

CORRESPONDING ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder J. H. Morning, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder G. W. Thorpe, Tarboro, N. C., Ph. 8256
Elder S. H. Short, Bethel, N. C.
Elder Joe Willis Dickins, Rt. 2, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder J. J. Adams, Rt. 1, Box 153, Cascade, Va.
Elder Robert Townes, Draper, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsboro, N. C.
Elder William Mellion, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder R. H. Martin, C 8, Hickory Mill Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder Soldier Hairston, Axton, N. C.
Elder E. C. Claytor, Rt. 1, Box 97, Callaway, Va.
Elder R. L. Pannill
Elder A. L. Perry, 1116 Grand Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, Ph. 10092
Elder S. J. Perry, 36 Galloway St., Dayton, Ohio
Elder Faite Mellion, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Cephus Craighead, Bassett, Va.
Elder Roosevelt Thomas, Bassett, Va.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Williams Chapel—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch— Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Living Hope—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Zionist Grove—Second Sunday and Saturday before.

OBITUARIES FOR 1956

LIVING HOPE OBITUARIES FOR 1956—

Brother Rufus Edge departed this life January 16, 1956. He was a member of the Living Hope Church for many years, and proved faithful until death.

Sister Victoria Pitt departed this life February 28, 1956. She was a member of the Living Hope Church forty-one years, two months and about 28 days. She proved faithful until death. We loved our Brother and Sister, but God loved then best and took them home.

FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1956—

Brother Stat Worsley departed this life May 6, 1956. He joined the Few in Number Church February, 1935 and was a member 21 years 2 months and 21 days. He was a lovely and brotherly man. Church Sexton in 1938. He proved faithful until death.

Sister Melinda Hussey departed this life June 29, 1956. She was a kind and lovely and faithful sister, a member of the Few in Number Church for more than thirty-one years. She proved faithful to the end.

Brother Mack Baker departed this life in June, 1956. He was a member of the Few in Number Church for more than twenty-five years and was strong in the Primitive Baptist faith until death

Sister Nancy Angton departed this life in September 11, 1956. She was for many years a lovely and faithful member and proved faithful until death.

NEW HOPE OBITUARIES FOR 1956—

Sister Nancy Mitchel departed this life in 1956. She was a member of the New Hope Church for many years and proved faithful to the end.

Sister Bettie Pitt departed this life in 1956, was a member of the New Hope Church for many years and proved faithful to the end.

Brother John Horner departed this life in 1956. He was a member of the New Hope Church for many years. Brother Horner served as deacon at the New Hope Church for many years and proved faithful until death.

WILLOW CHAPEL CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1956—

Sister Caro Rein Corney departed this life in 1956. She was a member of the Willow Chapel Church for many years and proved faithful to the end.

JOHNSON CHAPEL CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1956—

Brother Lawrence departed this life in 1956. He was a member of the Johnson Chapel Church for many years and proved faithful until the end.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH OBITUARIES FOR 1956—

Sister Jennie Bynum departed this life in 1956. She was a member of the Bethlehem Church for many years and proved faithful until death.

Sister Martha Hart departed this life in 1956 and was a member of the Antioch Church—a lovely and a faithful member and Mother in Zion.

Agreed on motion that the elders' and deacons' transgressions will

be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that all elders, after being silent, must turn in their credentials to the Association.

ELDER W. M. WEAVER, Moderator
ELDER P. L. HILL, Assistant Moderator
W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
H. H. BARNES, Assistant Clerk

DEACONS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Brother Russell Harris, Rt. 1, Box 21, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Charlie Station, R.F.D. 1, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Nathan Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 131, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Jessie Woodard, Rt. 1, Box 278, Fountain, N. C.
Brother Turner Flowers, R.F.D., Box 198, Kingsboro, N. C.
Brother Russell Wooten, Rt. 1, Box 267, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Amos Horner, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Simpson Hart, Rt. 2, Box 389, Kingsboro, N. C.
Brother Bliss Robinson, Rt. 5, Box 198, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Herbert Shelly, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C.
Brother Fate Coley, Fremont, N. C.
Brother V. Rickson, Wilson, N. C.
Brother Windsor Carney, Coneto, N. C.
Brother John H. Woodly, Rt. 3, Box 614, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Stephen Morgan, Wilson St., Tarboro, N. C.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.
2. The oldest first in order.
3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.
4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.
5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.
6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.
7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.
8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.
9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.
10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any

other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

Statistical Table

CHURCH AND COUNTY	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	DELEGATES	Rec'd. by Baptism	Conf. of Faith	Rec'd by Letter	Dism'd. by Letter	Excluded	Restored to Fel.	Deceased	Total Membership
Few in Number . Edgecombe	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	R. Harris, G. Jenkins	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	109
Bethlehem ..... Edgecombe	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C.	C. Staton, H. Barnes	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	39
Living Hope .... Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	N. Johnson, J. Woodard ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	45
New Hope ..... Wilson	Eld. Ruffin Hymon, Fountain, N.C.	A. Horner	..	..	..	..	9	..	2	26
Johnson's Chapel, Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	S. Morgan	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	11
Little Rocky Valley, Edgec'b	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	J. Woodly, A. Horner	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Mount Olive ..... Green	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	H. Harris, S. Shelly	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Zion Hill .....Nash	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C.	B. Robinson, H. Harris ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7
Wiliam's Chapel . Edgecombe	Eld. J. R. Dancy, Pinetops, N. C. .	T. Flowers, R. Wooten ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	26
Weaver's Chapel .Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	G. Carney, S. Hart	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Antioch ..... Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	S. Hart, W. Williford ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10
Little Living Hope .. Greene	Eld. Willis Ellis, Wilson, N. C. ...	F. Coley, V. Rickson	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	24
Zionist Grove ... Edgecombe	Eld. Ben. Cherry, Rocky Mt., N. C.		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Eighth
Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Bethlehem Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER,

Next session convenes with the Living Hope Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1959.

—OFFICERS —

ELDER BLONNY WILLIAMS ..... Moderator
R. F. D. 1, Elm City, N. C.
ELDER RUFFIN HYMON ..... Assistant Moderator
R. F. D., Fountain, N. C.
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS ..... Clerk
Macclesfield, N. C.
BROTHER H. H. BARNES ..... Assistant Clerk
Rt. 2B, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Proceedings

FRIDAY, October 10, 1958

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Bethlehem Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina. Elder Levy Hill sang hymn 617. Elder J. H. Winstead led in prayer. Elder Levy Hill read scripture lesson from 1 Peter; preached introductory sermon from Genesis 1:1. Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 530 and preached alternate sermon, text Deuteronomy, He is the rock. Elder Levy Hill dissmissed for one and one half hours.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, October 10, 1958.

The Association reassembled and Elder Levy Hill sang hymn 149. Elder Fraite Melton led in prayer, then Elder Levy Hill announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that Elder Blonny Williams be chosen Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October, 1959. Agreed on motion that Elder Ruffin Hymon be chosen as Assistant Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October 1959. Agreed on motion that Brother W. W. Williams be chosen Clerk of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association and agreed on motion that Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen as Assistant Clerk of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association. Agreed on motion that Delegates from sister churches and corresponding Delegates from sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence be invited to seats with us, take a part in our Association conference and feel themselves at home. Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris be chosen Chairman Deacon of the Bethlehem Baptist Association until October 1959. Agreed on motion that Brother Herbert Shelly be chosen Assistant Deacon of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association until October 1959.

Agreed on motion that Elder Blonny Williams, Brother Russell Harris, Brother Russell Wooten be chosen committee on preaching from day to day.

Agreed on motion that Brother Willie Kelly be chosen to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

Agreed on motion that we see who shall preach for us this

afternoon. The Committee decided Brother Samuel Cherry, Elder Alex Jones, Elder Juluis Hart, Elder Benjamin Cherry.

Agreed on motion that Brother Herbert Shelly, Brother Russell Wooten, Brother Simpson Hart be chosen committee on finance.

Agreed on motion that Delegates from Sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence now make their report.

Radicue: Jimmie Wooten came forth with a file of minutes, representing peace and love. Desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that Delegate from the Radicue Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits at the Pilgrim Rest Church in Wilson, N. C., the 1st Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1959.

Union Line Association: Elder Faite Melton came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love, desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Union Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits at the Jones Hill Church to be held in Wilson at the Union Grove Church the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1959.

Chestnut Knob Association: Elder R. L. Pannell came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love ; desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Chestnut Knob Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits with the Rock Hill Church 5 miles east of Martinsville, Highway 57, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August 1959.

Cub Run Association: Elder Julius Hart came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love. Desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Cub Run Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits with the Cub Run Church 211 in Washington D. C., the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August, 1959.

Contentnea Association: Elder S. L. Woodard came forth

with a file of minutes representing peace and love. Desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Contentnea Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits with the Bellomy Chapel Church in Sharpsburg, N. C. the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October 1958.

Roanoke Association: Elder Richard Stephen came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love. Desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that Delegate from the Roanoke Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits with the Callaway Level Church, Chatham, Va., just off Highway 29, about 48. Look for sign in stock, the church not far. The fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July 1959.

Piedmont Association: Elder T. E. Claytor came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love. Desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Piedmont Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits with the City View Church; come to Martinsville, highway 220, turn left, Friday before the fourth Sunday in August 1959.

Mount Pleasant Association: Elder H. E. Smith came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love. Desired correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Mount Pleasant Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session sits with the Cypress Grove Church. Go to Wrightsville, Ga., the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October 1958.

Long Branch Association: Elder John Charles representing the Long Branch Association. Elder Joe Willie Dickens was the Delegate with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Long Branch Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session to sit with the Long Branch

Church the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct., 1958.

Coopers Groove Association: Elder Hubert Alston came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that th Delegate from the Coopers Grove Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session to sit with Pilgrim Rest Church and to be held at the same place, Cheeks Crossroad, 2 miles east of Mebane, N. C., highway 70. When property has been purchased for the Coopers Grove Association the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August 1959.

Mount Zion Association: Elder J. L. Wade came forth wiith a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Mount Zion Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate. The next session held with the Macedonia Church, Fayetteville, W. Va., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in Aug. 1959.

Tar River Association: Elder R. Anderson being late came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the Delegate from the Tar River Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to sit with the Shiloh Church, west 3 Rd., Greenville, N. C., the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1958.

Loving Association: Elder H. Humphrey came in on the very late hour with a file of minutes representing peace and love and was received. The next session to sit the fourth Friday Saturday and Sunday in October 1959.

Little River Association: Correspondence by minutes and letter. Agreed on motion that letter be read. Agreed on motion that the letter and minutes from the Little River Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the bearer. The next session to sit the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October 1959.

Corresponding Association and Sandy Ridge Association: No Delegates.

Agreed on motion that petitionary letters be called for ; none

responded. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called for and read. Agreed on motion that thirteen letters be handed in and read by the Clerk. Agreed on motion that the letters from sister churches be received.

Agreed on motion to now see where the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association shall sit. The Living Hope Church asked for the next session. Agreed on motion that the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association shall sit with the Living Hope Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1959.

Agreed on motion that Elder Blonny Williams preach the introductory sermon and Elder William Braswell alternate sermon in October 1959.

Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris be chosen Treasurer of the Bethlehem Association. Agreed on motion that the Treasurer now make a report. Agreed on motion that rport of Treasurer be received. Amount in treasury: $20.00

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter. Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00.

Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 383. Benediction by Elder Ruffin Hymon.

ELDER BLONNY WILLIAMS, Moderator
ELDER RUFFIN HYMAN, Ass't. Moderator
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Assistant Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, October 11, 1958

Conference opened pursuant to adjournment. Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 73. Elder Ruffin Hyman led in prayer. Elder J. H. Winstead read scripture lesson from 2 Tim. 4. Elder Blonny Williams announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding Associations and yesterday's proceedings and the Circular Letter be read. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding Associations, yesterday's

proceedings and the Circular Letter be received.

Agreed on motion that the finance committee make their report. Agreed on motion that report of finance committee be received. Amount received from the churches: $538.50.

Agreed on motion that the Committee on Preaching now make their report, Brother Samuel Cherry, Elder A. L. Perry, Elder John Carge, Elder L. H. Winstead.

Agreed on motion take up delegates to visit sister Associations with whom we correspond:

Long Branch: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, delegate, third Friday, Sat. and Sunday in Oct., 1958, to speak in N. C.; Tar River: and Elder William Braswell delegate, meets third Friday, Sat., and Sunday in Oct., 1958, sets with Shilo Church in Greenville, N. C. Sandy Ridge: send Elder Ruffin Hyman delegate, third Friday ,Sat. and Sunday in Oct., 1958. Mount Pleasant: send Elder L. H. Winstead, delegate, fourth Friday, Sat. and Sunday in Oct., 1958, Cypress Grove Church, come to Wrightville, Ga. Contentnea: send Elder Johnnie Rodgers, delegate, fourth Friday, Sat. and Sunday in October, 1958, sets with Bellamy Chapel Church in Sharpsburg, N. C. Roanoke: send Elder Blonnie Williams, delegate, fourth Friday, Sat. and Sunday in July, 1959, sets with Calloway Level Church, Chatham, Va., look for sign east of highway 27 about 48, look for sign. Roanoke: send Elder Charlie Mack Bullock, delegate, 1959. Mount Zion: send Elder Blonnie Williams, delegate third Friday Sat. and Sunday in August, 1959. Chestnut Knob: send Elder John T. Moore, delegate, second Friday, Sat. and Sunday in August, 1959, sets with Rock Hill Church, 5 miles east of Martinsville, Va., highway 57. Cub Run: send Elder Willie Ellis, delegate, third Friday, Sat., and Sunday in Aug., 1959, sets with Cub Run Church, No. 211, Wash. D. C. Cooper Grove: send Elder Levy Hill, delegate, third Saturday and Sunday and Monday in August, 1959, sets with Pilgrim Rest Church, 2 miles east of Mebane, N. C. on Highway 70. Piedmont: Elder Blonnie Williams, delegate, sets with City View Church, come to Martinsville, highway 220, turn left, fourth Friday, Sat. and Sunday in Sept., 1959 Loving: Elder Alex Jones, delegate, fourth Friday, Sat., and Sunday in Sept. 1959, sets with the Hartville Church, Lockinville. Radicue: send Elder Ruffin Hy-

man, delegate, first Friday Sat. and Sunday in Oct., 1959, sets with Pilgrims Rest Church in Wilson, N. C. on Green St., Union Line: send Elder Willie Ellis, delegate, first Friday, Sat. and Sunday in October, 1959, sets with Lone Hill Church, Wilson St., near Grove Church. Corresponding: send Elder Benjamin Cherry, delegate second Friday, Sat. and Sunday in Oct. 1959, sets with St. John Church in Williamston, N. C. in Galloway Church, come to Littletown. Little River: send Elder Charlie Mark Bullock, delegate, second Friday Sat., and Sunday in October, 1959, sits with Black River Grove Church, 1958.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association forgive Elder Fate eMlton for being late at roll call.

Agreed on motion that the Church Government, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes. Agreed that we have 800 copies of these minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Agreed on motion that Elders' names and address be printed in our minutes. Agred the deacons' names be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist take up new business . Agreed on motion that Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association will not fellowship any assoc'ation who receive any of her members who are not in full fellowship at home and in good standing at home.

Agreed on motion that all Elders after being silenced must turn in their credentials to the Association. Agreed on motion that Brother Russell Harris, Brother Russell Wooten, Brother Charlie Staton, Brother Turner Flowers, Brother Nathan Johnson take up collection from day to day.

Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until the second Friday in Oct. 1958, Elder Blonnie Williams, sang hymn 616, benediction by Elder Ruffin Hyman.

ELDER BLONNIE WILLIAMS, Moderator
ELDER RUFFIN HYMAN, Assistant Mod.
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Assistant Clerk

MINISTERS' TEXTS FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 10, 1958
Elder Benjamin used hymn 74 for opening.
Elder Julius Hart led in prayer, Brother Samuel Cherry sang hymn 406 and preached from St. John 14; Elder Alex Jones sang hymn 46 and preached from Gen. 27; Elder Julius Hart sang hymn 128 and preached with the spirit; Elder Benjamin Cherry sang hymn 188 and preached with the spirit; Elder Blonnie Williams sang closing hymn 188; benediction by Elder Blonnie Williams.

FRIDAY NIGHT, Oct. 10, 1958.

Elder Blonnie Williams sang hymn 195, Elder Ruffin Hyman led in prayer and read opening lesson from St. Matt. 24; Elder R. Pannell from Mt. Pleasant preached from St. Matt. 24; Elder Richard Stephen from Roanoke Association sang hymn 364 and preached from St. John 4:3-4; Elder L. L. Wade from Chestnut Knob sang hymn 189 and preached from Acts 26; Elder T. E. Claytor from Piedbont Asso. sang hymn and preached with the spirit from Deut. 29:8-9;Elder Blonnie Williams sang 689 and preached well; Elder Ruffin Hyman sang closing hymn 631, benediction by Elder R. L. Pannell.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 11, 1958.

Brother Samuel Cherry sang hymn 353 read for lesson 2 Cor. Elder R. L. Pannell from Roanoke Asso. sang hymn 400 and preached from St. John 24; Elder John Charge from Long Branch sang hymn 3 and preached from Rev 12; Elder L. H. Winstead sang hymn 141 and preached from Matt. 25; Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn 183 preached on Daniel; Elder R. L. Pannell from Chestnut Knob preached from St. Matt. 18; Elder Ruffin Hyman sang hymn 333 for closing, benediction by Elder Fate Melton.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 1958.

Elder Ruffin Hyman sang hymn 492, Deacon L. L. Hart led in prayer; Elder Ruffin Hyman read lesson from Acts 3; Elder Johnnie Rodgers sang hymn 331 and preacher from Matt. 25; Elder Joe Willie Dickens from Long Branch sang hymn and preached from St. Matt. 25; Elder S. L. Woodard from Contentnea sang hymn 334 and preached from Psalms; Elder Hu-

bert Alston from Cooper Grove preached from St. Luke 30:3; Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 616 for closing, benediction by Elder Ruffin Hyman.

SATURDAY NIGHT, October 11, 1958.

Elder Blonnie Williams sang hymn 400; Eder Johnnie Mornings led in Prayer; Elder Ruffin Hyman read lesson from Mark 19; Elder William Maylons preached from St. Matt. 14; Elder C. H. Jamison sang hymn 275 and preached from St. John 5; Elder S. H. Hairston sang hymn 364 and preached from St. John 10. Elder James Hearst sang hymn 689 and preached from Daniel; Elder Charlie Mark Bullock Hymn 505 and preached from Ezek 37; Elder T. E. Claytor sang hymn 270 and preached from Chap 19:1; Elder Blonnie Williams sang hymn 689; Elder Ruffin Hyman preached from St. Luke 1; Elder Charlie Mack Bullock sang hymn 616 for close, benediction by Elder Ruffin Hyman.

SATURDAY MORNING Oct. 12, 1958.

Elder Blonnie Williams sang hymn 395; Elder Charlie Mack Bullock led in prayer; Elder Blonnie Williams read for lesson St. John 5; Elder Johnnie Pitt sang hymn 200 and preached from Gen.; Elder William Braswell sang hymn 612 and preached from Rev. 7 Elder Richard Anderson sang hymn 76 and preached from Psalms 90; Elder Jim Watson from Roanoke Association sang 393, preached from Ezek. 37; Eld. Fate Melton from Union sang hymn 18 and preached from Rev. 7:5; Elder H. S. Smith from Mt. Pleasant sang hymn 515 and preached from Timothy 3:16; Elder R. L. Pannell sang hymn 270 and preached from Rev. 14; Elder Hubert Alston, preached from Rev. 1; Elder T. E. Clayton sang hymn 284 and preached from St. John 22:29; Elder J. H. Winstead sang hymn 616 for close, benediction by Elder J. H. Winstead.

CIRCULAR LETTER FOR OCTOBER, 1958

This being the 4th Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association held with the Bethlehem Church, in Edgecombe County, N. C., commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1958. Dear Brethren, the Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives in

peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with a godly fear. Let all be done to the glory of God.

CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATION LETTER for 1958

To Whom it May Concern, Dear Sister Associations, This being our 48th Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association we take this method of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks to God who rules in heaven and earth.

Since meeting together in our annual session many of our friends have gone to their longed-for home. To us who have been spared the journey has been perilous. So brethren, let us try to keep our hearts encouraged in the wonderful work of the Lord and the shortening of time and lengthening of eternity, for we know the time that knows us, will know us no more.

Dear brethren, remember us in your prayers that the Chief Shepherd will cause our friendly correspondence to continue until traveling days are done, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ELDER BLONNIE WILLIAMS, Moderator
ELDER RUFFIN HYMAN, Assistant Mod.
BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS, Clerk
BROTHER H. H. BARNES, Assistant Clerk

ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION FOR 1958

Association Contribution	$538.50	
Public Collection	167.79	
In old Treasury	20.00	
Total Amount		$726.29
Association Expenses	$528.50	
Printing Minutes	$ 85.00	
Amount left in Treasury		$100.00

CORRESPONDING ELDERS AND ADDRESSES

Elder Jimmie Wooten, Marshfield, N. C.
Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder Joe Willis Dickens, Rt. 2, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder G. C. Payton, 211 Wade St., Greenville, N. C. Ph. 4503.
Elder R. Anderson, 571 Battle St., Greenville, N. C.

Elder Johnnie Morning, Hobgood, N. C.
Elder Willie Maryland, Rocky Mt., N. C.
Elder H. E. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 199, Portal, Ga.
Elder S. L. Perry, 2927 East 83rd St., Ph. 3-4132, Cleveland, O.
Elder J. L. Wade, Box 16, Eckman, W. Va.
Elder Robert Revis, Rt. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder T. E. Claytor, 217 Braxton Ave., Salem, Va. Ph. 5281.
Elder Richard Stephen, Danville, Va.
Elder Hubert Alston, Rt. 7, Box 80, Burlington, N. C.
Elder David Bynum, City 11, No. 21, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Uriah Parker, Rt. 4, Box 191A, Farmville, N. C.
Elder Ben N. Sharp, Rt. 3, Box 164, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Levi Edwards, Rt. 1, Box 7, Farmville, N. C.
Elder A. H. Humphrey, Rt. 3, Box 25, Jacksonville, N. C.
Elder R. L. Pannell, Rt. 581, Bassett, Va. Ph. 3914.
Elder Cutler Sauls, Rt. 3, Box 64, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Warren Cooper, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Roosevelt Thomas, Rt. 1, Bassett, Va.
Elder J. Reed, 1878 Alabama Ave. S. E. Wash. D. C. Ph. 2-2069
Elder James Reid, 1878 Ala. Ave. S. E. Washington, D. C.

ELDERS, THEIR ADDRESSES AND TIME OF MEETING

Few In Number: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C. third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem: Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C. fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Living Hope—Eld. Wm. Braswell, Pinetops, N. C. 1st Sunday and Saturday before in February.

New Hope: Elder Ruffin Hyman, Fountain, N. C., second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Johnson's Chapel—Eld. Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mt. N. C. 4 Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Rocky Valley—Elder Levy Hill, Battleboro, N. C. 3rd Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Mt. Olive: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C., first Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Zion Hill: Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C., first Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Willow Chapel—Elder Levy Hill, Battleboro, N. C. second Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Weaver Chapel: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C., fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Antioch: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C., second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Living Hope—Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Zionist Grove: Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C., Second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. 906 Wilson St. Ph. 3-7082
Elder P. L. Hill, P. O. Box 6, Battleboro, N. C.
Elder J. H. Winstead, Rt. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Julius Hart, Washington, D. C.
Elder William Braswell, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Blonnie Williams, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Alex Jones, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Charlie Mack Bullock, Pinteops, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Ruffin Hyman, R.F.D., Fountain, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Samuel Cherry, Washington, D. C.
Brother Elvie Hill, Battleboro, N. C.

DEACONS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Brother Russell Harris, Rt. 1, Box 21, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Charlie Staton, R. F. D., 1, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Nathan Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 131, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Jessie Woodard, Rt. 1, Box 278, Fountain, N. C.
Brother Turner Flowers, Rt. 2, Box K7, Rocky Mt. N. C.
Brother Russell Wooten, Rt. 1, Box 267, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Amos Horner, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Simpson Hart, Rt. 2, Box 389, Kingsboro, N. C.
Brother Bliss Robinson, Rt. 3, Box 282, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Herbert Shelly, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C.
Brother V. Richardson, Rt. 1, Kenly, N. C.
Brother John H. Woodly, Rt. 3, Box 614, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Stephen Morgan, Wilson St., Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Willie R. Kelly, Rocky Mount, N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Williams Chapel—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch— Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Living Hope—Third Sunday and Saturday before
Zionist Grove—Second Sunday and Saturday before.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.

2. The oldest first in order.

3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.

4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.

5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.

6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.

8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.

9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

— OBITUARY —

JOHNSON CHAPEL CHURCH

Elder L. R. Donny came to Johnson Chapel Church the fourth Sat. in Feb., 24, 1918; he departed this life Wed. Jan. 22, 1958. He lived 42 years 11 months, 11 days, and was faithful till death. Feb. 24, 1934 he was chosen pastor of Johnson Chapel Church and served 24 years.

Sister Deloras Petteway became a member of Johnson Chapel Church Feb. 25, 1934 and departed this life, June 12, 1958. She was a faithful member 24 years until her health failed.

Sister Susie Lewis became a member of Johnson Chapel Church, July 1918, departed this life Aug. 10.,1958. She was faithful to the end She was a member 40 years. She was a Mother in Israel and always wore a smile. Was lovely and kind. . We miss them all but God's will must be done. From the Johnson Chapel Curch.

WEAVER CHAPEL CHURCH

Deacon Winger Carney departed this life Jan. 9, 1958. He was a member of Weaver Chapel Church 8 years and served as deacon 5 years and was strong and faithful to the end. Sleep on Brother Carney and take your rest; we loved you but God loved you best.

From the Weaver Chapel Church.

ZION HILL CHURCH

Sister Mary Bell Hunter departed this life Jan. 13, 1958. She was a member of the Zion Hill Church for many years. She proved faithful until death. We loved her but God loved her best and took her home to rest. From Zion Hill Church.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH

Sister Cora Willoughby joined the Living Hope Church first Sat. in Nov. 1957 and departed this life Thurs. before fourth Sunday in April, 1955. We loved you Sister Willoughby but the Lord loved you best and took you home to rest. From Living Hope Church. W. W. Williams Clerk, Marshfield, N. C.

FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH

Sister Lizzie Staton departed this life Feb. 6, 1958, was a member of Few-IN-Number Church for many years and proved faithful until death.

Sister Lucy Pitt departed this life June 14, 1938, and proved a faithful member to the end, was strong in the Primitive Baptist faith, was a member for many years.

Sister Johnny Cobb departed this life July 3, 1958. She was lovely and kind, a member of Few-In-Number Church for many years. and was faithful until death.

NEW HOPE CHURCH

Sister Mary Edwards departed this life July 25, 1958, and proved a faithful member for many years and until death.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Sister Mattie Williams departed this life June 1958, was a member of the Bethlehem Church for between 45 and 50 years, proved faithful to the end, a lovely member.

Sister Della Loutree departed this life Oct. 23, 1958, was a member of Bethlehem Church about 40 years, proved faithful to the church and was kind to all.

Brother Lillie Parke departed this life June 1958, a member of Bethlehem Church for one year and 10 month, proved faithful to the end. We loved all of our Brethren and Sisters but God loved them best.

WILLOW CHAPEL

Sister Genevieve Brooks departed this life Feb. 2, 1958, a member of Willow Chapel Church a few years and proved faithful to the end.

Sister Martha Johnson departed this life Sept. 4, 1958, a member of Willow Chapel for about 20 years and proved faithful to the end. We loved all our members but God loved them best and took them home to rest. From Willow Chapel Church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.
5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."
6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.
11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.
12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH & COUNTY	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	DELEGATES	Rec'd. by baptism	Rec'd. by Conf.	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Restored to Fel.	Deceased	Membership
Few in Number . Edgecombe	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	R. Harris, C. Cobb	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	108
Bethlehem ..... Edgecombe	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C.	C. Staton, H. Barnes ...	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	37
Living Hope .... Edgecombe	Eld. Wm. Braswell, Macclesfield .	N. Johnson, J. Woodard	1	..	..				1	49
New Hope ..... Wilson	Eld. Ruffin Hymon, Fountain, N.C.	A. Horner, W. Kelly	..			..		2	1	25
Johnson's Chapel, Edgecombe	Elder Benjamin Cherry, Rocky Mt.	S. Morgan, N. Johnson ..	..	..	..	..	..		3	10
Little Rocky Valley, Edgec'b	Elder Levy Hill, Battleboro, N. C.	J. Woodly, A. Horner ...	1		..	..		..		17
Mount Olive ..... Green	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	S. Shelley, R. Harris	.	..			..	..	..	9
Zion Hill .....Nash	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C.	J. Robinson, R. Harris ..	1		..	..			1	7
Willow's Chapel. Edgecombe	Elder Levy Hill, Battleboro, N. C.	T. Flowers, R. Wooten ..	..		..	..	..		2	23
Weaver's Chapel .Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	S. Hart, J. Dickens	.	..			..		1	12
Antioch ..... Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C.	S. Hart, J. Hart	1	..	..		..	..	..	12
Little Living Hope .. Greene	Eld. Willis Ellis, Wilson, N. C. ..	V. Richardson, R. Barnes	2		..	2		..		23
Zionist Grove ..... Nash	Eld. Ben. Cherry, Rocky Mt., N. C.	B. Robinson, J. Ricks ..		..		..	..	..		3

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Ninth
Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

LIVING HOPE CHURCH

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER,

1959

Next session convenes with the Little Living Hope Church, Wayne County, N. C. beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1960.

OFFICERS

ELDER P. L. HALL - Moderator, P. O. Box 6, Battleboro, North Carolina

ELDER RUFFIN HYMAN - Ass't. Mod., Fountain, N. C.

BROTHER W. W. WILLIAMS - Clerk, Macclesfield, N. C.

BROTHER H. H. BARNES ..... Assistant Clerk Rt. 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.

WILLIAM B. HART ..... Tarboro, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY—October 9, 1959

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met in session with the Living Hope Church, Edgecombe County, N. C. Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 165. Elder Warren Cooper led in prayer. Elder Blonny Williams preached the introduction; subject, In My Father's house are many mansions. Elder William Braswell sang hymn 141 and preached the alternate sermon from 2 Tim. 40. Elder Blonny Williams dismissed for one and one half hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—October 9, 1959

The Association reassembled and Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 195. Elder G. C. Peyton led in prayer. Then Elder Blonny Williams announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion Elder P. L. Hill be chosen Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association. Agreed on motion Elder Ruffin Hyman be chosen Assistant Moderator of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association. Agreed on motion Bro. W. W. Williams be chosen Clerk of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association. Agreed on motion Bro. H. H. Barnes be chosen Assistant Clerk of the Bethlehem Pimitive Baptist Association.

Agreed on motion that delegates from sister churches and corresponding delegates from sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence be invited to sit with us and take a part in our Association Conference and feel themselves at home.

Agreed on motion Bro. Simpson Hart be chosen chairman Deacon of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association.

Agreed on motion that Bro. Jessie Woodard be chosen Assistant Deacon. Agreed on motion Elder P. L. Hill, Bro. Simpson Hart, Bro. Johnnie Woodley be chosen Committee on Preaching from Day to Day. Agreed on motion that Brother Willis Kelly be chairman to record the ministers' texts from day to day. Agreed on motion that we see who shall preach for this afternoon. The Committee decided Bro. Samuel Cherry, Eld. John Moore, Elder William Moreland, Eld. Johnnie B.

Pitts preach and close.

Agreed on motion Bro. Simpson Hart, Bro. Herbert Shelly, Bro. Johnnie Woodley be chosen Committee on Finance. Agreed on motion that Delegates from Sister Associations with whom we are in correspondence now make their report.

Radicue Association: Elder Warren Cooper came forth with a file of minutes reporting peace and love. Desired correspondence to continue. Agree the delegate from the Radicue Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits with Seven Springs Church in Rocky Mt. the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1960.

Long Branch Association: Eld. General Dickens came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desires correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Long Branch be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits with the Logboro Church 7 miles from Tarboro on Hgwy 44 the third Saturday and Sunday in October 1959.

Little River Association: Corresponded by minute and letter. Move and second the letter from the Little River be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the bearer. The next session sits the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Tar River Association: Elder G. C. Peyton came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love; desires correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Tar River be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session with Bynum Chapel in Farmville, N. C. the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1959.

Mount Pleasant Association: Eld. Watson came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion that the delegate from Mount Pleasant be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next Association sits fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1959.

Roanoke Association: Eld. Jimmie Wilson came forth with

a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Roanoke Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits with the Mt. Tatum Church, Cothern, Va., H. P. 29 Whitty fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July 1960.

Corresponding Association: Elder Earnest Farmer came forth with a file of minutes representing love and peace and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Corresponding be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Coopers' Grove Association: Elder W. B. Enoch came forth representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Coopers' Grove be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits with ——— hgwy 70 Burlington-Durham the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in Aug. 1960.

Contentnea Association: Bro. Bennie Bryant came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Contentnea Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits at the Black Creek Church 3 miles from Black Creek N. C. the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1959.

Chestnut Knob Association: Elder L. L. Wade came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Chestnut Knob be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits at Flat Rock Church, Martinsville, Va. out to flat Rock the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Aug. 1960.

Cub Run Association: Elder M. C. Walton came forth representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Cub Run be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the dele-

gate. The nexts session sits at Clifton in Clifton, Va. Come to Washington D. C. 200 G. St. the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August 1960.

Mount Zion Association: Eld. E. D. Wallace came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Mount Zion Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits with the Mount Zion Church. Come to Blackfield, Va. the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Aug. 1960.

Union Association: Elder Fate Melton came forth with a file of minutes prresenting peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Union be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits in Fountain, N. C. at the Fountain Hill Church the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1960.

Piedmont Association: Elder M. C. Lawrence came forth with a file of minutes representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from Piedmont be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session comes to Rocky Mt., Va. the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September 1960.

Sandy Ridge Association: Eld. N. M. Tatum came forth representing peace and love and desiring correspondence to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Sandy Ridge Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowhip to the delegate. Next session sits in Greensboro, N. C., Hgwy. 220 the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October 1959.

Loving Association: Deacon Edgar H. Humphrey came forth representing peace and love and desiring corresponding to continue. Agreed on motion the delegate from the Loving Association be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate. The next session sits at Edney Chapel Church between Richland and Jacksonville 258 the forth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Sept. 1960.

Agreed on motion petitionary letters be called for if there be any. No respond. Agreed on motion that letters from sister churches be called and and read. Agreed on motion that thirteen letters handed in and read by the Clerk. Agreed that the letters from sister churches be received. Agreed on motion to now see where the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association shall sit. Little Living Hope Church asked for the next session. Agreed on motion that the next Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association shall sit with the Little Living Hope Church, Fremont, N. C., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1960.

Agreed on motion Elder P. L. Hill preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Will Ellis Alternate sermon in Oct. 1960.

Agreed on motion Brother Simpson Hart be chosen Treasurer of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association. Agreed on motion that the Treasurer now make report. Agreed on motion report of Treasurer be received. Amount to Treasurer this time none.

Agreed on motion the Moderator and the Clerk prepare the Circular Letter. Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptists Association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00. Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 533. Benediction by Elder Jimmie Wilson.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder Ruffin Hymon, Assistant Mod.
Brother W. W. Williams, Clerk
Brother H. H. Barnes, Ass't. Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING, October 10, 1959

Conference opened following adjournment. Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 433. Elder Jimmie Wilson led in prayer. Elder P. L. Hill read Scripture Lesson from Sol. 18. Then Eld. P. L. Hill announced the house in order for business. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding Associations and yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be read. Agreed on motion that the roll of churches and list of corresponding Associations, yesterday's proceeding and Circular

Letter be received.

Agreed on motion that the Finance Committee make their report. Agreed on motion that report be received. Amount from churches $520.50.

Agreed on motion that the Committee on Preaching now make their report. The committee decided Elder Ritch Hill, Elder John T. Moore, Elder Robert Townes, Elder Willie Ellis. Agreed on motion to take up delegates to visit sister Associations with whom we correspond. Agreed on motion to send Alex Jones delegate to Long Branch Association the third Saturday and Sunday in October. Tar River Association: Elder William Braswell delegate the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1959. Sandy Ridge: Elder Ruffin Hymon delegate the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1959. Mt. Pleasant: Eld. Blonny Williams delegate the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October 1959. Roanoke: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt delegate the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in July 1960. Chestnut Knob: Elder P. L. Hill delegate the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August 1960. Cub Run Association: Charlie McBullock delegate the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August 1960. Coopers' Grove: Elder Ruffin Hyman delegate the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in Aug. 1960. Piedmont: Brother Samual Cherry, delegate, the forth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September 1960. Loving: Elder Johnnie R. Rogers delegate, the fourth Friday Saturday and Sunday in September, 1960. Radicue Association: Elder P. L. Hill delegate, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October, 1960. Union: Eld. Ruffin Hymon delegate, the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1960. Little River Association: Eld. Elvie Hill delegate the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1960. Corresponding: Elder John Tomor Moore, delegate, the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1960. Mount Zion: Elder Benjamin Cherry, delegate, the first Saturday and Sunday in Aug. 1960. Contentnea: Elder Rufin Hymon, delegate, the fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Oct. 1959.

Agreed on motion that the Church Government, Rules of

Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes.

Agreed on motion that the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes.

Agreed on motion that we have 800 copies of these minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Agreed on motion Elders' names and addresses be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion Deacons' names and their addresses be printed in our minutes. Agreed on motion the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association take up new business. Agreed on motion that all Elders after being silenced must turn in their credentials to the Association. Agreed on motion that the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association will not fellowship any Association which receives any of her members who are not in full fellowship at home and in good standing at home.

On motion Brother Simpson Hart, Brother James Hart, Bro. John Woodley, Bro. Jessie Woodard Finance Committee. Bro. William Hart to work with the committee. Agreed on motion the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association conference adjourn until the second Friday in October, 1960. Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 617. Benediction by Eld. W. M. Weaver.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder Ruffin Hymon, Assistant Mod.
Brother W. W. Williams, Clerk
Brother H. H. Barnes, Ass't. Clerk

Agreed on motion Brother Charles Staton, Bro. Nathan Johnson, Bro. Woodley, Bro. James Hart take up collection from day to day.

MINISTERS' TEXTS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, October 9, 1959

Elder William Braswell sang hymn 689 for opening. Read Rom. 8. Deacon Victor Rick led in prayer. Brother Samuel Cherry sang hymn 18; preached from Peter 1:8. Elder John Tomor Moore preached from St. John 15. Elder William Braswell sang hymn 288 for close. Benediction by Elder William Braswell.

FRIDAY NIGHT, October 9, 1959

Elder Ruffin Hymon read Scripture lesson Rev. 13:14. Deacon Jerry Woodard led in prayer. Eld. Cleo Barns preached from Psa.. 27. Elder Jimmie Wilson sang hymn 353, preached from Rev. 1. Elder Robert Townes preached from Psa. 27. Eld. Ruffin Hymon preached with the Spirit. Elder Ruffin Hymon sang hymn 200 for close. Benediction by Eld. William Braswell.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 10, 1959

Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn 353 for opening. Bro. Verdis Srikron led in prayer. Elder Willie Ellis read for opening session Matt. 26:1. Elder Pitchel Hill sang hymn 95; preached from St. John 1. Elder John Charge sang hymn 3; preached from St. John 27:1. Elder Robert Townes P. A. S. preached from Gen. 23. Elder Willie Ellis preached from Gen. 16:6. Eld. Lester Blows sang hymn 18; preached from St. Luke 15:1.

Elder Wesley Enoch C. C. A. T. preaches, bore witness with the brethren. Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 284. Benediction by Eld. Ruffin Hymon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 10, 1959

Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 325. Deacon Willie Staton led in prayer. Eld. P. L. Hill read for the evening session Matt. 3:10. Elder General Dickens preached from St. John 15. Bro. Bennie Bryant sang hymn 530, preached from St. John 14. Eld. Johnnie R. Rodgers sang hymn 153; preached from Rev. 5. Elder Jimmie Wilson sang hymn 394; preached from Ezek. 53. Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 400 for close. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

SATURDAY NIGHT, Oct. 10, 1959

Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 507. Eld. Ritchel Hill led in prayer. Elder P. L. Hill read for opening session St. John 11. Eld. Selvie Woodley preached with the Spirit. Elder O. G. Tatum sang hymn 356; preached from St. Mark 27. Elder L. B. McLordain sang hymn 76; preached St. John 8. Elder G. C. Peyton sang hymn 355; preached Rom. 8:28. Eld. L. L. Ackman sang hymn 492; preached 1 Peter. Elder Louis Pinn sang

with the spirit; preached from St. John 1:1. Elder Blonny Williams sang hymn 293 for close. Benediction by Elder William Braswell.

SUNDAY, Oct. 11, 1959

Elder Ruffin Hymon read for opening 3:1. Elder Earnest Farmer preached from St John 3. Elder W. B. Enoch preached with the Spirit. Elder L. B. Lorene sang hymn 613; preached from 5:11. Elder O. G. Tatum preached, 10:1. Elder Mc Jones sang hymn 353; preached Gen. 49:10. Eld. Fate Melton sang hymn 288; preached from Rev. 15 A. S. Elder G. C. Peyton preached Rev. 19:11. Elder Warren Cooper sang hymn 689; preached Rev. 1. Elder J. W. Watson preached from Rev. 1:15. Elder Charlie Mack Bullock sang hymn for close 200. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the Forty-Nineth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association held with the Living Hope Church in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Commenceing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1959.

Dear Brethren, the Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, south, east and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives in peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the Liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with a godly fear. Let all be done to the glory of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern: Dear Sister Associations, this being our 49th Annual Session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heart-felt thanks to God who is Ruler in heaven and earth.

Since meeting together in our Annual session many of our friends have gone to their longed eternal home. To us who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So brethren, let us try to keep our hearts encouraged in the wonderful work and

shortening of time and lengthening of time for we know that the time that now knows us will know us no more.

Dear Brethren, remember us in prayer, that the Chief Shepherd will cause our friendly correspondence to continue until traveling days are done. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder Ruffin Hymon, Assistant Mod.
Brother W. W. Williams, Clerk
Brother H. H. Barnes, Ass't. Clerk

ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION

Association Contribution	$520.50	
Public Collection	141.50	
In Old Treasury	45.00	
Total Amount		$707.50

Association Expenses	$510.50
Printing Minutes	85.00
Amount left in treasury	112.50

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

Elder P. L. Hill, P. O. Box 6, Battleboro, N. C.
Elder Ruffin Hymon, Rt. 1, Box 212, Fountain, N. C.
Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C. 906 Wilson St. Ph. 3-7082
Elder J. H. Winstead, Rt. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Julius Hart, Washington, D. C.
Elder William Braswell, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder B. F. Cherry, 603 East St., Tarboro, N. C.;Ph. TA 3-2673
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Blonnie Williams, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Alex Jones, Fremont, N. C.
Elder John Tamor Moore, Fountain, N. C.
Elder Charlie Mack Bullock, Pinteops, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother Samuel Cherry, Washington, D. C.
Brother Bennie Bryant, Elm City, N. C.

CORRESPONDING ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Warren Cooper, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder G. C. Peyton, 211 Wade St., Greenville, N. C.; Ph. 4503
Elder R. Anderson, 571 Battle St., Greenville, N. C.
Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, N. C.
Elder S. L. Woodard, Sharpsboro, N. C.
Elder Joe Willie Dickens, Rt. 2, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder General Dickens, Rt. 1, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder L. L. Wooley, Box 416, Eckman, W. Va.
Elder George Pinne
Elder J. J. Ackman, 721, Box 139, Cascade, Va.; MU 5-2402
Elder R. L. Pannill, Rt. 4, Box 81, Bassett Va.; Ph. 9-3914
Elder Jimmie Wilson, Rt. 1, Cascade, Va.
Elder Burton McLaughlin, Rt. 1, Blairs, Va.
Elder Robert Townes, Draper, N. C.; Ph. MA 5854.
Elder Cleo Barnes, Pinetops, N. C.
Elder Ritchel Hill, Rt. 4, Wilson, N. C.
Elder David Bynum, City 1121, Wilson, N. C.
Elder Uriah Parker, Rt. 2, Box 191, Farmville, N. C.
Elder J. B. Enoch, Burlington, N. C.
Elder Ernest Farmer, Bethel, N. C.
Elder D. S. Morton, Washington, D. C.
Elder E. D. Wallace, Box 197, Leslie, W. Va.
Elder Roosevelt Thomas, Rt. Box. 16, Eckman, W. Va.

ELDERS, THEIR ADDRESSES AND TIME OF MEETING

Few In Number: Elder J. H. Winstead. Tarboro, N. C. third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem: Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C. fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Living Hope—Eld. Wm. Braswell, Macclesfield, N. C.; 1 Sunday and Saturday before in February.

New Hope: Elder Ruffin Hyman, Fountain, N. C., second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Johnson Chapel—Eld. Benjamin Cherry, Tarboro, N. C.; 4th Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Rocky Valley—Eld. P. L. Hill, Battleboro, N. C.; third Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Mt. Olive: Elder J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C., first Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Zion Hill: Elder Blonny Williams, Elm City, N. C., first Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Willows Chapel—Elder P. L. Hill, Battleboro, N. C.; second Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Weaver Chapel: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C., fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Antioch: Elder W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C., second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Living Hope—Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Zionist Grove—Elder Benjamin Cherry, Tarboro, N. C.; Second Sunday and Saturday before in February. Ph. GI 2-7215

DEACONS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Bro. Simpson Hart, 722, B. K8, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Ph. GI2-7215
Brother Charlie Staton, R. F. D., 1, Pinetops, N. C.
Brother Jessie Woodard, Rt. 1, Box 278, Fountain, N. C.
Brother Nathan Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 131, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Turner Flowers, Rt. 1, Box, Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Russell Wooten, Rt. 1, Box 267, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother Amos Horner, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Bliss Robinson, Rt. 3, Box 282, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Herbert Shelly, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C.
Brother V. Richardson, Rt. 1, Kenly, N. C.
Brother John H. Woodly, Rt. 3, Box 614, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Stephen Morgan, Wilson St., Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Willie R. Kelly, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother Homer Hart, Rt. 2, Box K9, Rocky Mt., N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Willows' Chapel—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch— Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Living Hope—Third Sunday and Saturday before
Zionist Grove—Second Sunday and Saturday before.

HOME DELEGATE

Simpson Hart	$ 3.00	James Hart	3.00
Charlie Staton	3.00	Charlie Cobb	3.00
Nathan Johnson	3.00	Jene Woodard	3.00
Willis Kelly	3.00	Amos Horner	3.00
A. Morgan	3.00	Nathan Johnson	3.00
J. Dickens	3.00	S. Staton	3.00
J. Woodly	3.00	C. Randler	3.00
B. Robins	3.00	J. Rick	3.00
V. Dickens	3.00	R. Barnes	3.00
T. Flowers	3.00	S. Alston	3.00
S. Hart	3.00	H. Shelly	3.00

DELEGATES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Elder Blonny Williams	$17.00	Elder Alex Jones	5.00
Elder Ruffin Hymon	15.00	Elder William Braswell	3.50
Elder Ruffin Hymon	8.00		

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES

Elder M. B. Longer	$10.00	Elder General Dickins	2.00
Elder Jimmy Wilson	10.00	Elder Johnnie Burger	4.50
Elder Ernest Farmer	3.00	Elder Benny Sharp	3.00
Elder J. Watson	14.00	Elder G. C. Peyton	5.00
Elder R. Townes	10.00	Elder Warren Cooper	3.00
Elder J. B. Enoch	5.00	Elder Panell Tomor	10.00
Elder Fate Melton	5.00		

Boy Scouts	$15.00	Elder Elex Jones	1.50
Willie Kelly	6.00	Simpson Hart	5.00
Turner Flowers	5.00	Elder Ruffin Hyman	3.00
Nathan Johnson	5.00	Elder Willie Ellis	2.00
Charlie Staton	5.00	Elder John Rodge	1.50
John Woodly	5.00	Elder W. M. Braswell	2.00
Elder W. M. Weaver	6.00	Elder P. L. Hill	11.00
Elder Johnnie B. Pitt	2.00	Elder J. H. Winstead	2.00

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

P. L. Hill	$20.00	Eld. Ruffin Hyman	12.00
W. W. Williams	15.00	H. H. Barnes	12.00
Simpson Hart	10.00	Jessie Woodard	10.00
James Hart	5.00	Herbert Shelly	5.00
Eld. Johnne Pitt	1.50	Eld. William Braswell	2.00
Eld. Elvis Hill	1.50	Eld. Elex Jones	1.50
Eld. Benjamin Cherry	4.00	Eld. John Rody	1.50
John Woodly	5.00	Elder J. H. Winstead	2.00

Bill paid by Brother Simpson Hart: $34.16.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder Ruffin Hymon, Assistant Mod.
Brother W. W. Williams, Clerk
Brother H. H. Barnes, Ass't. Clerk
William B. Hart, to work with the Finance Committee

OBITUARIES

FEW IN NUMBER

Sister Rebecca Epps departed this life January 11, 1959. She was a member of the Few In Number Church 40 years, 4 months, 11 days; strong in the Primitive Baptist faith; a kind and loving member till death.

Sister Carrie DePrey departed this life in Feb. 1959. She was a member of Few In Number Church for 11 years. She proved to be a faithful member till death.

Sister Ellen D. Pettway departed this life in Jan. 1959. A faithful called to the field. A member of the Few In Number Church 49 years. A loving and kind sister till death.

Sister Minnie Mix departed this life in October 1959. A member of the Few In Number Church for 20 some years and proved faithful until death.

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LIVING HOPE CHURCH

Sister Johnnie Williams departed this life in Aug. 1959. A member of the Living Hope Church Nov. 3, 1923. A member of the Living Hope Church 30 years, 9 months and about 20 days. Proved faithful until death.

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NEW HOPE CHURCH

Sister Kissie Sprull departed this life in Oct. 1959. A member of the New Hope Church for over 40 years. Proved faithful until death.

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ZION HILL CHURCH

Brother Occotis Hunt departed this life in 1959. A member of the Zion Hill Church for low many years.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.
2. The oldest first in order.
3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.
4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.
5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.
6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.
7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.

8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.

9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTIT UTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES & COUNTIES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Conf.	Rec'd by Letter	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored to Fel.	Deceased	Tot. Membership
Few in Number . Edgecombe	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C	S. Hart, C. Cobb	3		..	.	2	2	4	107
Bethlehem ..... Edgecombe	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C	C. Staton, H. Barnes	1	.	..	..	2	..	1	33
Living Hope .... Edgecombe	Eld. Wm. Braswell, Macclesfield .	N. Johnson, J. Woodard ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	49
New Hope ..... Wilson	Eld. Ruffin Hymon, Fountain, N.C.	A. Horn, W. Kelly	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24
Johnson's Chapel, Edgecombe	Eld. Benj. Cherry, Tarboro, N. C. .	S. Morgan, N. Johnson ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10
Little Rocky Valley, Edgec'b	Eld. P. L. Hill, Battleboro, N. C. .	J. Woodly, C. Ronode	2	..	..	..	.	..		18
Mount Olive ..... Green	Eld. J. H. Winstead, Tarboro, N. C.	H. Shelly	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	9
Zion Hill .....Nash	Eld. Blonny Williams, Elm City, N.C	B. Robinson, J. Rick	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
Willow's Chapel. Edgecombe	Eld. P. L. Hill, Battleboro, N. C. .	T. Flowers, R. Wooten ...	1	1		..	.	2	2	24
Weaver's Chapel .Edgecomb	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C	S. Hart, J. Dickins	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	11
Antioch ..... Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver, Tarboro, N. C	S. Hart, J. Hart	..	.	..	..	..	.	1	9
Little Living Hope .. Wayne	Eld. Willis Ellis, Wilson, N. C. ..	N. Richardson, R. Barnes ..	..		..	..	..	..	..	22
Zionist Grove ..... Nash	Eld. Benj. Cherry, Tarboro, N. C. .	S. Hart, J. Ricks			..		..			3

Minutes

OF THE

Fifty-First

Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mt. Olive Church

GREEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
COMMENCING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER,

1961

Next session will be held with Johnson Chapel Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

OFFICERS

ELDER P. L. HILL ..... Moderator
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Proceedings

OF THE BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met according to adjournment Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1961 at the Mt. Olive Church, Green County, North Carolina, with Elder P. L. Hill presiding. Sang hymn 533. Prayer by Elder William Braswell. Scripture lesson by Elder R. H. Hyman, John 1: 1:, after which Elder Hill arose and preached the introductory sermon from John 14. Elder R. H. Hyman arose and preached the alternate sermon from the same. Elder Hill dismissed for one and one half hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The brethren reassembled and sang hymn 189 for opening of Conference. Prayer by Elder J. H. Morning. Elder Hill then announced the house in order for business.

Moved and seconded that Elder P. L. Hill be chosen Moderator of the Association for the next twelve months with Elder R. H. Hyman Assistant. Moved and seconded Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen Association Clerk with Brother William Hart Assistant for the next twelve months.

Move and second Brother Simpson Hart be chosen chairman deacon of the Association with Brother Russell Harris assistant for the next twelve months.

Move and second Elder P. L. Hill, Brother Johnnie Woodly, Brother James Hart be chosen Committee on Preaching from day to day.

Move and second Brother Willie Kelley be chosen to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

Moved and second delegates from sister churches and corresponding associations be invited to sit with us and take part in our conference and feel at home.

Move and second the committee decide who will preach this afternoon, which was omitted.

Move and second Brother Hubert Shelly, Brother Russell Wooten, Brother James Hart be chosen Committee on Finance.

Moved and second delegates from Corresponding Associations make their report.

Radicue: Elder J. H. Morning with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending

the right hand of fellowship. Next session will be a Glorious Hope Church near Dunbar first Friday in October, 1962.

Union: Elder Marvin Barnes with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session will be held at Oaky Grove Church. Take 264 from Wilson to Driver Store, first Friday in October, 1962.

Long Branch: Elder John Charles with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at Leggett Chapel Church near Leggett third Friday in October, 1961.

Little River: Absent.

Tar River: Elder G. Sladge with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at Paul Chapel Church, 7 miles from Greenville,N. C. third Friday.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder H. E. Smith with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at Eden Church in Chandler County, Ga. fourth Friday in October, 1961.

Roanoke: Elder J. J. Adams with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at Bell Grove Church on Rt. 29, north of Danville, Va., fourth Friday in July, 1962.

Corresponding: Absent.

Contentnea: Elder Matthew Reid with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at Piney Grove Church near Fremont, N. C. fourth Friday in October, 1961.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Earley Stockton with a file of minutes and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at the Chestnut Knob Church. Come to Martinsville; take hwy. 220 south about 3 miles, turn left. Second Friday in August, 1962.

Cub Run: Elder David Morton with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at the Old Cub Run Church on Rt. 29 out from Washington, D. C., third Friday in August, 1962.

Coopers Grove: Elder Cecil Alston with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at the same place, one mile east of Mebane, N. C., third Saturday in October, 1962.

Mount Zion: Elder J. L. Wade with a file of minutes, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at Macedonia Church. Come to Beckley, W. Va., take hwy. 21 out from the Court House, first Friday in August, 1962.

Piedmont: Elder T. E. Claytor with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at the Ephesus Church. Come to Rocky Mount, Va. fourth Friday in September, 1962.

Sandy Ridge: Elder M. A. Johnson with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at the Red Hollow Church. Come to Danville, Va., take hwy. 58 third Friday in October, 1961.

Loving: Elder S. L. Talf with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session to be at Edney Chapel Church, six miles from Richlands on hwy. 258, fourth Friday in September, 1962.

All visitors were received and made welcome by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Move and second petitionary letters be called for. No response.

Move and second letters from sister churches be called for. Thirteen letters were handed in and read by the Clerk.

Move and second the letters be received. Moved and second to appoint the next session. Johnson Chapel asked for the next

session.

Move and second the next Bethlehem Association will convene at Johnson Chapel Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

Move and second Elder P. L. Hill preach the Introductory Sermon with Elder R. H. Hyman to alternate.

Moved and second Brother Simpson Hart be chosen Treasurer of the Association.

Move and second the Treasurer now make report. Move and second the report of the Treasurer be received. Amount, not any.

Moved and second Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Move and second the Association Conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Elder Hill sang hymn 631. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder R. H. Hyman, Ass't Mod.
Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk
Brother William Hart, Ass't Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—October 7, 1961

Conference opened following adjournment. The Moderator sang hymn 41. Prayer by Elder M. W. Johnson. Scripture Lesson by Elder R. H. Hyman, after which the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Move and second roll of churches, list of corresponding associations and yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be read. Motion and second roll of churches, list of corresponding associations and yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be received.

Move and second Finance Committee now make their report. Move and second the report be received. Amount, $529.00.

Move and second to decide who will preach for the people. The Committee agreed upon Elder John Thomas Moore. Elder Elex Jones, Elder Warren Melton, Elder Blannie Williams to preach and preside.

Move and second to appoint delegates to visit sister associations with whom we correspond. It was moved and seconded

and agreed as follows:

Contentnea: Elder William Braswell; fourth Friday in October, 1961.

Tar River: Elder John B. Pitt; third Friday in October, 1961.

Long Branch: Elder Elvie Hill; third Friday in October, 1961.

Sandy Ridge: Elder W. M. Weaver; third Friday in October, 1961.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder P. L. Hill; fourth Friday in October, 1961.

Roanoke: Elder Willie Ellis; fourth Friday in July, 1962.

Chestnut Knob: Elder R. H. Hyman; second Friday in August, 1962.

Cub Run: Elder Daniel Staton; third Friday in August, 1962.

Coopers Grove: Elder R. H. Hyman; third Saturday in August, 1962.

Piedmont: Elder W. M. Weaver; fourth Friday in September, 1962.

Loving: Elder John Thomas Moore; fourth Friday in September, 1962.

Radicue: Elder William Braswell; first Friday in October, 1962.

Union: Elder Blannie Williams; first Friday in October, 1962.

Little River: Elder Elex Jones; second Friday in October, 1961.

Corresponding: Elder Samuel Cherry; second Friday in October, 1962.

Mount Zion: Elder Charlie McBullock; first Friday in August, 1962.

Move and second Church Government and Rules of Decorum and Article of Faith be printed in our minutes.

Moved and second the Moderator and Clerk correct all mistakes. Move and second that we have 600 minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Move and second Elders' names and addresses be printed in our minutes.

Move and second deacons' names and their addresses be printed in our minutes.

Move and second the conference take up new business.

Move and second all Elders after after being silenced must turn in their credentials to the association.

Move and second that the Bethlehem Association will not fellowship any Association that receives any of her members who are not in full fellowship and good standing at home.

Move and second the obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Move and second to appoint Brother Nathan Johnson, Brother Charlie Staton, Brother Johnnie Woodly and Brother Turner Flowers to take up collection around the stand from day to day. After a few brief remarks by the Elders and visitors, it was moved and seconded that the Bethlehem Association conference adjourn until the second Friday in October, 1962. Elder Hill sang hymn 505. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder R. H. Hyman, Ass't Moderator
Brother Haywood H. Barnes, Clerk
Brother William Hart, Ass't Clerk

MINISTERS' TEXTS

Friday Evening, October 6, 1961. Preaching was omitted.

Friday Night, October 6, 1961: Deacon Herbert Shelly opened service using hymn 288 and offered prayer. Scripture lesson by Elder R. H. Hyman, Acts 3. Elder Earl Hope sang Hymn 364 and preached from Matthew 14. Elder Cleo Barnes arose and preached from Acts 4:1. Elder William Braswell sang hymn 141 and preached from St. John 14:15. Elder R. H. Hyman, sang hymn 353. Benediction by Elder William Braswell.

Saturday Morning, October 7, 1961. Elder Blannie Williams sang hymn 188 for opening service. Prayer by Deacon Vertis Richardson. Elder John Thomas Moore sang hymn 393 and preached from St. John 14:9. Elder Elex Jones sang hymn

440 and preached from Luke 13:15. Elder Warren Melton sang hymn 364 and preached from St. John 14. Elder Blannie Williams preached from Deut. 37:1. Elder P. L. Hill preached with the Spirit and sang hymn 41. Benediction by Elder J. J. Adams.

SATURDAY EVENING—October 7, 1961

Elder Hill sang 533 for opening service. Prayer offered by Elder R. H. Hyman. Scripture lesson by Elder W. M. Weaver. Elder Matthew Reid sang hymn 3 and preached from Matthew 7. Elder Samuel Cherry sang hymn 383 and preached from John 13:14. Elder J. L. Wade sang hymn 200 and preached with the Spirit. Elder Hill sang hymn 689. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

SATURDAY NIGHT—OCTOBER 7, 1961

Service was called to order by Elder Hyman who sang hymn 492. Prayer was offered by Elder Warren Cooper. Scripture lesson by Elder R. L. Pannell, Gal. 16:3. Elder W. M. Weaver sang hymn 530 and preached. Elder Early Stockton preached from Rev. 14:4. Elder Cecil Alston preached from Psalm 102. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 688 and preached from Isa. 10:53. Elder R. L. Pannell sang hymn 623 and preached from Rev. Elder Hill sang hymn 618. Benediction by Elder W. M. Weaver.

SUNDAY MORNING—October 8, 1961

Elder T. E. Claytor used hymn 400 for opening service. Elder Savalia Worsely offered prayer. Elder Samuel Talf preached from St. John 1. Elder Samuel Cherry sang hymn 120 and preached from Isa. 26. Elder M. W. Johnson sang hymn 5 and preached from Matthew. Elder Marvin Barnes sang hymn 144 and preached from Rev. 22. Elder G. Sledge sang hymn 533 and preached from Matthew 2. Elder H. E. Smith sang hymn 629 and preached from Heb. 1. Elder Johnnie Morning sang hymn 388 and preached from John 15:14. Elder Early Stockton sang hymn 433 and preached from St. Matthew 14:15. Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 18 and preached from Job 14:9. Elder

T. E. Claytor sang hymn 284 and preached from Isa. 20:1. Elder Johnnie Pitt sang hymn 353 and preached from John 1. Elder R. L. Pannell sang hymn 207 and preached with the Spirit. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 530 and preached wonderfully in our hearing after which the Moderator arose and thanked the people in the surrounding community for their nice behavior and caretaking of the Association. We then sang hymn 618.

Benediction by Elder P. L. Hill.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the fifty-first annual session of Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Mount Olive Church, Green County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1961.

Dear Brethren, the Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, east, south and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in love and peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the Word of God may have its free course and all we do be done in the glory and honor of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern: Dear sister Associations,—This being the fifty-first annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heart-felt thanks to God who rules both in heaven and earth.

Since meeting together in our last annual session many of our friends are gone to their long eternal home. To us who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So brethren, let us try to keep our heart engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord and the shortening of time, and the length of eternity, for we know that the time that knows us now will soon know us no more.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers that the chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount from Churches	$529.00	
Public Collection	229.83	$758.83
In old Treasury, none.		
Expenses:		
Corresponding delegates	$105.50	
Delegates to sister associations	38.00	
Home delegates	72.00	
Delegates to sister associations	38.00	
Association Offices Fund	74.00	
Pastors of Churches	33.00	
Local ministers	10.50	
Association Committees	15.00	
Other Expenses	107.83	
Put in Treasury for printing minutes and other delegates	192.83	
Paid back Union Fund	86.96	
Janitor	15.00	
Brother Simpson Hart for indebtedness	12.00	$758.83

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

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Elder Blannie Williams, Rt. 3, Box 164, Elm City, N. C.
Elder Alex Jones, Fremont, N. C.
Elder John Thomas Moore, Fountain, N. C.
Elder Charlie Mack Bullock, Pinteops, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.
Elder Samuel Cherry, Washington, D. C.
Elder Daniel Staton, 972 Green Ave. Apt. 6 Brooklyn 21, N. Y. Phone GI3-4269
Elder Elvie Hill, Battleboro, N. C.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother John Dickens.

Brother Johnnie Jenkins

ELDERS, THEIR ADDRESSES AND TIME OF MEETING

Few In Number: Elder Ruffin Hyman, third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem: Elder Blannie Williams, Elm City, N. C., fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Living Hope—Eld. Wm. Braswell, Macclesfield, N. C.; 1 Sunday and Saturday before in February.

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Johnson Chapel: fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

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SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
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CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.
2. The oldest first in order.
3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.
4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.
5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.
6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.
7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.
8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.
9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.
10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.
11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH

Sister Anna Hagan departed this life August 1961. She was a member of the Living Hope Church for many years. She also served as Assistant Clerk until her health failed. She was a kind and loving sister and proved faithful to the end.

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FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH

1. Sister Minnie Bridges departed this life October 17, 1960. She was a friendly and kind sister; a member of the Few In Number Church for many year and faithful until death.

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2. Brother Walker Dancy departed this life May 21, 1961. Was a member of the Few In Number Church for several years. Proved to be strong in the Primitive Baptist faith; was faithful to the end.

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3. Sister Eliza Smith departed this life July, 1961. The years she spent a member of Few In Number Church we knew her to be a peaceful and kind sister; faithful until death.

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4. Sister Alice Knight departed this life July 22, 1961. Was a member of the Few In Number Church for many years. She was a loving and sweet sister. Proved strong in the Primitive Baptist faith until death.

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5. Sister Kandies Davis, a faithful soldier called off the battlefield August 12, 1961. For many years she was a member of the Few In Number Church; kept her duties and was faithful to the end.

Sleep on, sisters and brother, and take your rest. We miss you all. You have paid the debt we all have got to pay.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES & COUNTIES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Baptism	Conf. of Faith	Rec'd by Letter	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored to Fel.	Deceased	Tot. Membership
Few In Number—Edgecombe	Elder R. H. Hyman	R. Harris, C. Cobb	2						5	103
Bethlehem—Edgecombe	Eld. Blannie Williams	C. Staton, H. H. Barnes	1	1				1		39
Living Hope—Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Braswell	N. Johnson, J. Woodard	7	1				1		55
New Hope—Wilson	Elder R. H. Hyman	W. Kelly, A. Horne	1						1	24
Johnsons Chapel—Edgecombe		S. Morgan, N. Johnson							1	7
Little Rock Valley—Edgecombe	Eld. P. L. Hill	J. Woodly, C. Randolph			2					20
Mount Olive—Green	Eld. P. L. Hill	H. Shelly, R. Harris	1							9
Zion Hill—Nash	Eld. Blannie Williams	B. Roberson, J. Ricks								8
Willow Chapel—Edgecombe	Eld. P. L. Hill	T. Flowers, R. Wooten	1							23
Weavers Chapel—Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver	C. Cobb, N. Randolph							1	12
Antioch—Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver	S. Hart, J. Hart								10
Little Living Hope—Wayne	Eld. Willie Ellis	V. Richardson, F. Coley								22

Minutes

OF THE

Fifty-Sixth

Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Few in Number Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 7, 8, 9,

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Next session convenes with Willow Chapel Church, loacted near Sparta, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1967.

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Proceedings

OF THE BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met according to adjournment Friday before the second Sunday in October, 7, 8, 9, 1966, at the Few in Number Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, with Elder P. L. Hill presiding. He sang hymn 618. Elder J. J. Adams offered prayer. Scripture Lesson by Elder R. H. Hyman, Matt. 3:1. He also gave the Welcome Address. Elder Hill then preached the Introductory Sermon from the same. Subject, God is able. Elder Hyman sang hymn 356 and preached the alternate sermon from St. John 1. Then Elder Hill dismissed for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—October 7, 1966

The Brethren re-assembled and sang hymn 188. Elder J. B. Pitt offered prayer. Elder Hill then announced the house in order for business.

Move and second Elder P. L. Hill be chosen Moderator of the Association for the next twelve months with Elder R. H. Hyman, Assistant Moderator.

Moved and second Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen association Clerk for the next twelve months with Brother W. N. Hart Assistant Clerk.

Moved and seconded Brother Russell Harris be chosen Chairman deacon of the Association for the next twelve months with Brother Johnnie Woodly Assistant.

Moved and seconded Elder P. L. Hill, Brother Russell Harris, Brother Johnnie Woodly be chosen Committee on Preaching from day to day.

Moved and seconded Elder W. R. Kelly be chosen to record the ministers' text from day to day.

Moved and seconded delegates from Sister Churches and corresponding associations be invited to seat with us, take a part in our conference and feel at home.

Moved and seconded the committee decide who will preach this afternoon, which was omitted.

Moved and second Brother Russell Wooten, Brother Charlie Cobb, Brother Jessie Woodard be chosen Finance Committee of the Association.

Moved and seconded delegates from corresponding associations now make their report.

Radicue: Elder Raymond Roundree with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Harper chuch about six miles from Tarboro, N. C. first Friday in October, 1967.

Union: Elder Rufus Parker with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the St. John Church near Saratoga, N. C. first Friday in October, 1967.

Long Branch: Elder John Charles with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Little Mt. Zion Church near Speed, N. C., third Friday in October, 1966.

Little River: Absent.

Tar River: Elder Lester Blow with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session will be at Paul Chapel Church six miles east of Greenville, N. C., third Friday in October, 1966.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder Robert Towns with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Mt. Pisgah Church, Statesboro, Ga, fourth Friday in October, 1966.

Roanoke: Elder Josep Smith with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the association center, Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1967.

Contentnea: Elder L. H. Coley with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session will be held at North Wayne School, fourth Friday in October, 1966.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Obediah Nibblett with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the

Chestnut Knob Church, second Friday in August, 1967. Come to Martinsville, Va., take hwy. 58.

Cub Run: Elder Johnnie Jenkins with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the St. Luke Church, 1015 D. St. N.E., Washington, D. C., third Friday in August, 1967.

Coopers Grove: Elder Hubert Alston with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the same place, Mebane, N. C., third Friday in August, 1967.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. L. Wade, minutes delayed, reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the New Hope Church near Beckly, West Va., first Friday in August, 1967.

Piedmont: Elder T. E. Claytor with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Rockfield Church. Come to Rocky Mount, Va., take hwy. 40 about 20 miles, fourth Friday in September, 1967.

Sandy Ridge: Elder J. L. Martin with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Simmons Chapel Church, third Friday in October, 1966.

Loving: Elder Amos H. Humphrey with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Edney Chapel Church on hwy. 258 near Richland, fourth Friday in September, 1967.

Corresponding: Elder Jessie Outerbridge with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session second Friday in October, 1967. All visitors were made welcome by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Moved and seconded petitionary letters be called for. No response.

Moved and seconded letters from sister churches be called for. Twelve letters were handed in and read by the Clerk.

Moved and seconded the letters be received.

Moved and second to appoint the next session. Willow Chapel asked and received the next session. Moved and seconded Elder P. L. Hill preach the Introductory Sermon with Elder R. H. Hyman to alternate., beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1967, near Sparta, N. C.

Moved and seconded Brother Russell Harris be chosen treasurer of the Association. Moved and seconded the Treasurer make his report. Moved hand seconded the same be received. Amount, $2.97.

Moved and seconded the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Moved and seconded the association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. Elder Hill sang hymn 505. Benediction by Elder P. L. Hill.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder R. H. Hyman, Ass't Moderator
Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk
Brother W. N. Hart, Assistant Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING—October 9, 1966

Conference opened following adjournment. The Moderator sang hymn 533. Deacon Stockton offered prayer. Scripture by Elder Hill, Romans 8:8. The Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Moved and seconded roll of churches, list of corresponding associations, yesterday's proceedings and Circular Letter be read. Moved and seconded the same be received.

Moved and seconded Finance Committee make their report. Move and seconded the same be received. Amount $682.75.

Moved and seconded to decide who will preach for the people.

Agreed upon Elder S. H. Price, Elder Hubert Martin, Elder Soldier Harriston, Elder J. B. Pitt, Elder W. M. Braswell preach and preside.

Moved and second to appoint delegates to visit sister associations with whom we correspond. It was moved and seconded and agreed as follows:

Contentnea: Elder Charlie McBullock, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1966.

Tar River: Elder W. M. Braswell, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1966.

Long Branch: Elder Kemp Atkinson, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1966.

Sandy Ridge: Elder R. H. Hyman, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1966.

Mt. Pleasant: Elder R. H. Hyman, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1966.

Roanoke: Elder Daniel Staton, Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1967.

Cub Run: Elder F. L. Dawson, Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1967.

Chestnut Knob: Elder P. L. Hill, Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1967.

Coopers Grove: Elder George Smith, Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1967.

Piedmont: Elder Hubert Shelly, Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1967.

Mt. Zion: Elder Samuel Cherry, Friday before first Sunday in August, 1967.

Loving: Elder W. R. Kelly, Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1967.

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Union: Elder J. B. Pitt, Friday before first Sunday in October, 1967.

Little River: Elder Kemp Atkinson, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1967.

Corresponding: Elder Johnnie Jenkins, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1967.

Moved and seconded Elder Robert Townes and Elder Raymond Roundtree be excused for business reasons.

Moved and seconded Elder Rufus Parker and Brother Steven Morgan be forgiven for not meeting the conference on time.

Moved and seconded Church Government and Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes.

Moved and seconded the Moderator and Clerk correct all

mistakes.

Move and seconded we have 650 minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Moved and second Elders' names and addresses be printed in our minutes.

Moved and seconded conference take up new business.

Moved and seconded all Elders after being silenced must turn in their credentials to the association.

Moved and seconded the Bethlehem association will not fellowship any association that receives any of her members who are not in full fellowship and good standing at home.

Moved and seconded obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Moved and seconded to appoint Brother Charlie Staton, Brother Natham Johnson, Brother Turner Flowers, Brother Johnnie Wooly to take up collection around the stand from day to day.

Moved and seconded to strengthen the association treasury. Amount received, $33.10.

After some wonderful remarks by the Elders and Brethren, the Moderator arose and made all of the visitors from corresponding associations welcome. It was then moved and seconded that the Bethlehem Association conference adjourn until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1967. The Moderator sang hymn 618. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder R. H. Hyman, Ass't Moderator
Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk
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COUNCIL MEETING—1963

The Bethlehem Association held a Council Meeting at the Little Rock Valley Church Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1963.

The meeting was opened by using hymn 533. Prayer by Elder Robert Revis. Scripture lesson by Elder P. L. Hill, St. Matt. 18. Then the house was announced in order for business.

Moved and seconded Elder R. L. Pannell be chosen Moderator of the Council with Elder Warren Cooper Assistant.

Moved and second Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen Clerk. Elder Pannell also read Isaiah 15:20 for our instruction.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Elder Alex Darden go back to New Hope and pay obedience to his church the second Saturday in January, 1964, if it be the Lord's will.

Moved and seconded today's proceedings be read.

Moved and seconded the same be received. Elder Hill sang hymn 632. Benediction by Elder H. H. Hyman.

Elder R. L. Parnell, Moderator
Elder Warren Cooper, Ass't Mod.
Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dear Moderators, Elders and Brothers: I have the spirit to write to our different district associations. O God, grant unto us Thy peace. Thou hast promised to give perfect peace if we trust in Thee even though we live in a world of tribulations we are not fearful or afraid. Thy Son our Savior said, I have overcome the world; My peace I give unto you. Give us, we pray Thee, this peace. Amen.

Written by your humble servant, Elder P. L. Hill.

MINISTERS' TEXTS

FRIDAY NIGHT—October 7, 1966

Elder R. H. Hyman sang hymn 383, prayer by Brother Jessie Woodard. Scripture Lesson by Elder J. J. Adams, Romans 1. Elder Richard Stephens sang hymn 626 and preached from from Psalm 41. Elder J. L. Wade sang hymn 355 and preached from Matt. 24. Elder Amos Humphrey sang hymn 383 and preached from Matt. 20. Elder Alexander Darden sang hymn 593 and preached from Matt. 2. Elder J. J. Adams sang hymn 505 and preached from St. John 3. Elder F. L. Dawson sang hymn 3 for closing. Benediction by Elder John B. Pitt.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 8, 1966

Elder W. M. Braswell sang hymn 189 for opening. Prayer by Elder George Smith. Scripture lesson by Elder W. M. Braswell. Elder J. E. Price sang hymn 400 and preached from

Rev. 2. Elder Hubert Knobles sang hymn 533 and preached from Isaiah 6. Elder S. H. Huston preached from Timothy 4. Elder John B. Pitt sang hymn 553 and preached from St. John 1. Elder Arthur Dildy sang hymn 380 and preached from St. John 3:9. Elder Hill sang hymn 691 for closing. Benediction by Elder W. M. Braswell.

SATURDAY EVENING—October 8, 1966

Elder Hill sang hymn 530 for opening. Prayer by Elder Jimmie Wooten. Scripture lesson by Elder Hill, St. Luke 1:4. Brother L. H. Coley sang hymn 364 and preached from St. John 14. Elder Obediah Nibblet sang Hymn 356 and preached from St. John 1. Elder Raymond Roundtree sang hymn 353 and preached from St. John 15. Elder Outerbridge sang hymn 184 and preached from St. John 1. Elder Rufus Parker sang hymn 3 and preached from Rev. 14. Elder P. L. Hill sang hymn 141 for closing. Benediction by Elder P. L. Hill.

SATURDAY NIGHT—October 8, 1966

Deacon Johnnie Woodly sang hymn 288 for opening. Brother James L. Hart offered prayer. Scripture lesson by Elder P. L. Hill, Matt. 18:1. Elder Johnnie Jenkins sang hymn 1 and preached with the Spirit. Elder J. N. Martin arose and preached wonderfully. Elder Earl Stockton sang hymn 353 and preached from Genesis 2:3. Elder Charlie M. Bullock sang hymn 533 and preached from St. John 3. Elder Joseph Smith sang hymn 355 and preached from Jer. 31. Elder Hubert Alston preached from St. John 15. Elder T. E. Claytor sang hymn 284 and preached from Psalm 49. Elder R. H. Hyman sang hymn 631 for closing. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

SUNDAY MORNING—October 9, 1966

Brother Rufus Stockton sang hymn 354. Prayer also by Brother Rufus Stockton. Scripture lesson by Elder W. M. Braswell, Psalm 90. Elder Frank L. Dawson sang hymn 3 and preached from St. Matthew 2. Elder George Smith sang hymn 400 and preached from Isaiah 31. Elder Rufus Parker preached from Rev. 10. Elder Kemp Atkinson sang hymn 400 and preached from St. John 1. Elder Lester Blow sang hymn 18

and preached from Psalm 90 of David. Elder W. M. Braswell sang hymn 141 and preached from St. John 15. Elder Joe Outerbridge sang hymn 383 and preached from St. John 14. Elder Joseph Smith sang hymn 616 and preached from Rev. 22. Elder Raymond Roundtree sang hymn 73 and preached from Matt. 25:44. Elder J. N. Martin came fourth and preached from Isaiah 25. Elder E. L. Stockton sang hymn 631 and preached from Gen. 2:4. Elder Hubert Alston came fourth and preached from Jer. 4:10. Elder Willie Ellis sang hymn No. 355 and preached from Acts 16. Elder T. E. Claytor arose and preached wonderfully. Elder G. C. Payton sang hymn 133 and preached with the Spirit. Then the Moderator arose and thanked the people for their nice behavior and care-taking of the association. We then sang hymn 618. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder R. H. Hyman, Ass't Moderator
Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk
Brother W. N. Hart, Assistant Clerk
Deacon R. Harris, Treasurer

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the fifty-sixth annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, held with Few in Number Church in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before in October, 1966.

Dear Brethren, the Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, east, south and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in love and peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the Word of God may have its free course and all we do be done in the glory and honor of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern: Dear sister associations,—this being the fifty-sixth annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks to God who rules both in heaven and earth.

Since meeting together in our last annual session, many of our friends are gone to their long eternal home. To us who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So, brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord and the shortening of time, and the length of eternity, For we know that the time that knows us now will soon know us no more.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers that the chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Amount from churches	$673.85	
2. Public Collection	350.25	
3. Old treasury	2.97	$1,027.07
Association expenses	$648.49	
Put in treasury	378.58	$1,027.07

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Brother John Dickens.

ELDERS, ADDRESSES AND TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETING

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Brother Bliss Robinson, R. 3, B. 257, Rocky Mount. N. C.

Brother Turner Flowers, Rt. 1, Box, Tarboro, N. C.
Brother Russell Wooten, Rt. 1, Box 267, Macclesfield, N. C.
Brother James Hart, Rt. 2, Box K9, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Brother V. Richardson, Rt. 1, Kenly, N. C.

SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Willows' Chapel—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch— Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Living Hope—Third Sunday and Saturday before

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.
2. The eldest first in order.
3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.
4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.
5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.
6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.
7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.
8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.
9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.
10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.
11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.
12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.
13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.
14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.
15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

NEW AMENDMENT: Move and second if any member be found bearing false witness against his brother and sister, they shall be taken under consideration.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut. 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

OBITUARIES

LIVING HOPE CHURCH—

Brother Robert H. Staton, who departed this life on Oct. 23, 1966, joined the Living Hope Church September 4, 1965. He was a member for one year, one month and 18 days. Brother Staton had only a short stay with us yet he proved that in times past he had heard the voice of the Lord and desired to obey.

Sleep on, Brother and rest from your labor.

Sister Betty Gorham departed this life on January 16, 1966. She joined the Living Hope Primitive Baptist Church Feb. 4, 1933 and was a member for 32 years, 11 month and 12 days. She was a loving and kind sister and a faithful member until the end.

LITTLE ROCK VALLEY CHURCH—

Sister Joanna Edge departed this life July 1, 1966. She was a member for many years and was always willing to do what she could for the cause.

Sleep on, dear Sister, and take your rest. We loved you but God loved you best.

—Association Clerk, H. H. Barnes

ZION HILL CHURCH—

Sister Loueen Roberson departed this life June 1966. She was a member of the Zion Hill Church for many years and was loved by all that knew her. She was mother of her church for many years. She was loyal and faithful to the end. Yet God is too wise to make a mistake so He called from labor to reward. We loved her but God loved her best.

—Association Clerk, H. H. Barnes

FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH—

Sister Annie Parker departed this life July 1966. She was a member of the Few in Number Church for many years, proved faithful until death. She was low and humble, peaceful and kind and fulfilled her duties toward her church in every way she could.

Sleep on, Sister Parker, and take your rest. We loved you but God loved you best.

WILLOW CHAPEL CHURCH—

Sister Lassie Noble departed this life in the year 1966. She was a faithful sister for many years and did what she could for her church. We loved her but God loved her best.

—Association Clerk, H. H. Barnes

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES & COUNTIES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Few In Number—Edgecombe	Elder R. H. Hyman	R. Harris, C. Cobb	....	....	....	....	....	1	94	$195.00
Bethlehem—Edgecombe	Eld. Blannie Williams ..	C. Staton, H. H. Barnes	1	....	....	....	....	....	31	66.00
Living Hope—Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Braswell	N. Johnson, J. Woodard	....	....	....	....	....	1	55	115.50
New Hope—Wilson	Elder R. H. Hyman	A. Horne, H. Roundtree	1	....	....	....	1	....	31	67.50
Johnsons Chapel—Edgecombe ..	Elder J. B. Pitt	N. Johnson, Steven Morgan	1	....	....	....	....	....	9	19.00
Little Rock Valley– Edgecombe .	Eld. P. L. Hill	J. Woodly, C. Roundolph	....	....	....	....	....	1	23	46.00
Mount Olive—Green	Eld. P. L. Hill	R. Harris, C. Cobb	....	....	....	....	1	....	13	27.50
Zion Hill—Nash	Eld. Blannie Williams ..	B. Roberson, Johnnie Woodly ..	....	....	....	....	....	1	7	14.00
Willow Chapel—Edgecombe	Eld. P. L. Hill	T. Flowers, R. Wooten	1	....	....	....	....	1	23	51.50
Weavers Chapel—Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver	C. Cobb, N. Randolph	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	21.00
Antioch—Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Weaver	J. Hart, W. Hart	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	18.50
Little Living Hope—Wayne	Eld. Willie Ellis	V. Richardson, F. Coley	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	46.50

Churches' total $682.75
Public collection 350.25
Total $1,033.00

Minutes

OF THE

Fifty-Seventh

Annual Session

OF THE

Bethlehem

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Willow Chapel Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 6, 7, 8,

1967

Next session convenes with Antioch Church, located Kingsboro, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1968.

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Proceedings

OF THE BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association met according to adjournment Friday before the second Sunday in October 6, 7, 8, 1967 at the Willow Chapel Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, with Elder P. L. Hill presiding. He sang hymn 559. Prayer by Elder Johnnie B. Pitt. Scripture lesson by Elder P. L. Hill, Acts 20. Then he appointed Elder Willie Ellis to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder H. H. Hyman sang hymn 393 and preached the alternate sermon from the same. Then Elder Hill dismissed for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—October 7, 1967

The Brethren re-assembled and sang hymn 626. Prayer by Deacon Charlie Cobb. Then Elder Hill announced the house in order for business.

Moved and seconded Elder P. L. Hill be chosen Moderator of the Association for the next twelve months with Elder R. H. Hyman assistant.

Moved and seconded Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen association Clerk for the next twelve months with Brother W. N. Hart Assistant Clerk.

Moved and seconded Brother Russell Harris be chosen chairman deacon of the association for the next twelve months with Brother Johnnie Woodly Assistant.

Moved and seconded Elder P. L. Hill, Brother Russell Harris, Brother Johnnie Woodly be chosen Committee on preaching from day to day.

Moved and seconded Elder W. R. Kelly be chosen to record the ministers' texts from day to day.

Moved and seconded delegates from sisters churches and corresponding associations be invited to seat with us, take a part in our conference and feel at home.

Moved and seconded the committee decide who will preach this afternoon, which was omitted.

Moved and seconded Brother Russell Wooten, Brother Charlie Cobb, Brother Jessie Woodard be chosen Finance

Committee of the association with Brother Charlie Cobb being chairman.

Moved and seconded delegates from Corresponding associations now make their report.

Radicue: Elder Jimmie Wooten with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the little Savannah Church in Edgecombe County, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1968.

Union: Elder Fred Dildy with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Mt. Zion Grove Church, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1968.

Long Branch: Elder James Dickens with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Long Branch Church near Speed, N. C., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1967.

Little River: Elder Earl Holt with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Tar River: Elder Oscar Clemon with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Cox's Church in Winterville, N. C., Friday before third Sunday in October, 1967.

Mount Pleasant: Elder B. Lee with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Promise Land Church in Macon County, Montezuma, Ga., Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1967.

Roanoke: Elder W. M. Hairston with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at Mt. Tatum Church, near Penders Place, Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1968.

Contentnea: Elder Debro Bunch with a file of minutes

reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the North Wayne School one mile south of Freemont, N. C., Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1967.

Chestnut Knob: Elder B. T. Hairston with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Cub Run: Elder G. Duncan with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Cub Run Church about 28 miles from Washington, D. C., third Friday in August, 1968.

Coopers Grove: Elder Cecil Alston with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the same place one mile each of Mebane, N. C., Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1968.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. L. Wade with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Association Center at Beckley, W. Va.

Piedmont: Elder B. McLaughlin with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Ephesus Church. Come to Danville, Va., take hwy 40 to Kitty View fourth Friday in September, 1968.

Sandy Ridge: Elder J. Nick Martin with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the Hylton Thessalonia Church, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1967.

Loving: Deacon David Dickens with a file of minutes reporting peace and love and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Next session at the same place near Richland in Onslow County, fourth Friday in September, 1968.

Corresponding: Absent.

All visitors were made welcome by the Moderator extend-

ing to them the right hand of fellowship. All that were late were forgiven by the conference.

Moved and seconded petitionary letters be called for. No response.

Moved and seconded letters from sister churches be called for. Twelve letters were handed in and read by the Clerk. Moved and seconded the letters be received.

Moved and seconded to appoint the next session. Antioch asked and received the next session. Moved and seconded Elder P. L. Hill preach the introductory sermon with Elder George Smith to alternate, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in October 1968, near Kingsboro, N. C.

Moved and seconded Brother Rusell Harris be chosen Treasurer of the Association. Now make its report. Moved and seconded the same be received. Amount $152.95.

Moved and seconded the Moderator and Clerk prepare the Circular Letter.

Moved and seconded the association conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00. Elder Hill sang hymn 631. Benediction by Elder Jimmie Wooten.

SATURDAY MORNING—October 9, 1967

Conference opened following adjournment. The Moderator sang hymn 490. Prayer by Elder G. R. Stephens. Scripture lesson by Elder Hill. Matt. 5. Then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

Moved and seconded roll of churches, list of corresponding associations, yesterdays proceedings, and Circular Letter be read.

Moved and seconded same be received.

Moved and seconded Finance Committee make their report. Moved and seconded the same be received. Amount $711.00.

Moved and seconded to decide who will preach for the people. The Committee agreed upon Elder George Smith, Elder Goal Pollock, Elder W. R. Kelly, Elder Samuel Cherry, Elder Frank Dawson preach and preside.

Moved and seconded to appoint delegates to visit sister associations with whom we correspond. It was moved and seconded and agreed as follows:

Contentnea: Elder George Smith, fourth Friday in October, 1967.

Tar River: Elder W. M. Braswell third Friday in October 1967.

Long Branch: Elder W. R. Kelly, third Friday in October, 1967.

Sandy Ridge: Elder Charlie McBullock, third Friday in October, 1967.

Mount Pleasant: Elder Samuel Cherry fourth Friday in October, 1967.

Roanoke: Elder R. H. Hyman, fourth Friday in July, 1968.

Cub Run: Elder Willie Ellis, third Friday in August, 1968.

Chestnut Knob: Elder Johnnie B. Pitt second Friday in August 1968.

Coopers Grove: Elder R. H. Hyman third Saturday in August, 1968.

Piedmont: Elder W. M. Braswell, fourth Friday in September, 1968.

Loving: Elder Hubert Shelly, fourth Friday in September, 1968. Mt. Zion: Elder Frank Dawson, first Friday in August, 1968.

Radicue: Elder P. L. Hill first Friday in October, 1968.

Union: Elder R. H. Hyman, first Friday in October, 1968.

Little River: Brother John Dickens, second Friday in October, 1968.

Corresponding: Elder Samuel Cherry, second Friday in October, 1968.

Moved and seconded Church Government and Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes. Moved and seconded the Moderator and Clerk Correct all mistakes.

Moved and seconded we have 650 minutes printed under the supervision of the Moderator and Clerk.

Moved and seconded Elders' names and addresses be printed in our minutes.

Moved and seconded conference take up new business.

Moved and seconded all Elders after being silenced must

turn in their credentials to the association.

Moved and seconded the Bethlehem Association will not fellowship any association that receives any of her members who are not in full fellowship and good standing at home.

Moved and seconded obituaries be printed in our minutes.

Moved and seconded to appoint Brother Charlie Staton, Brother Nathan Johnson, Brother Turner Flowers, Brother Johnnie Woodly to take up collection around the stand from day to day.

Moved and seconded to strengthen the association treasury. Amount received $26.74.

After some remarks by the Elders and brethren, the Moderator arose and made all visitors from corresponding associations welcome. It was then moved and seconded that the Bethlehem Association conference adjourn until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1968. Elder R. H. Hyman sang hymn 506. Benediction by Elder G. Duncan.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder R. H. Hyman, Assistant Moderator
Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk
Brother W. N. Hart, Assistant Clerk

COUNCIL MEETING—1963

The Bethlehem Association held a Council Meeting at the Little Rock Valley Church, Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1963.

The meeting was opened by using hymn 533. Prayer by Elder Robert Revis. Scripture lesson by Elder P. L. Hill, St. Matt. 18. Then the house was announced in order for business.

Moved and seconded Elder R. L. Panell be chosen Moderator of the Council with Elder Warren Cooper Assistant.

Moved and second Brother H. H. Barnes be chosen Clerk Elder Pannell also read Isaiah 15:20 for our instruction.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Elder Alex Darden go back to New Hope and pay obedience to his

church the second Saturday in January, 1964, if it be the Lord's will.

Moved and seconded today's proceedings be read.

Moved and seconded the same be received. Elder Hill sang hymn 632. Benediction by Elder H. H. Hyman.

Elder R. L. Pannell, Moderator
Elder Warren Cooper, Ass't Mod.
Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Wear Moderators, Elders and Brothers: I have the spirit to write to our different district associations. O God, grant unto us Thy peace. Thou hast promised to give perfect peace if we trust in Thee even though we live in a world of tribulations we are not fearful or afraid. Thy Son our Savior said, I have overcome the world; My peace I give unto you. Give us, we pray Thee, this peace. Amen.

Written by your humble servant, Elder P. L. Hill.

MINISTERS' TEXTS

FRIDAY NIGHT—October 6, 1967

Deacon Johnnie Woodly opened service by using Hymn 272. Scripture lesson by Elder R. H. Hyman, St. John 14. Elder B. McLaughlin offered prayer. Elder Frank Dawson preached from John 144. Elder Hubert Shelly arose and preached from John 15. Elder G. R. Stephens sang hymn 345 and preached from Matthew 3:9. Elder McLaughlin sang hymn 355 and preached from Genesis 1:3. Elder Frank Dawson opened the door of the church using hymn 200. Benediction by Elder George Smith.

SATURDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 7, 1967

Elder Frank Dawson sang hymn 73 for opening. Brother Nathan Johnson offered prayer. Scripture lesson by Elder W. R. Kelly, St. John 14. Elder George Smith sang hymn 400 and preached from John 15. Elder Goal Pollard sang hymn 364 and preached from John 14. Elder W. R. Kelly sang hymn 400 and preached from the same. Elder Samuel Jimmie Wooten sang hymn 41 and preached from John 14.

Cherry sang hymn 353 and preached from Luke 25. Elder Elder Earnest Melton sang hymn 95 and preached from St. John 9. Elder Frank Dawson sang hynm 19. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

SATURDAY EVENING—October 7, 1967

Elder Frank Dawson opened service by using hymn 95. Elder Earl Holt offered prayer. Brother Debro Bunch sang hymn 120 and preached from Psalm 40 of David. Elder Johnnie B. Pitt preached from John 1. Elder James Dickens preached from John 15. Elder J. L. Wade sang hymn 355. Preached from the same. Elder W. M. Hairston preached from John 14. Elder B. Lee sang hymn 2 and preached from Matthew 20. Elder Frank Dawson sang hymn 383 for closing. Benediction by Elder George Smith.

SATURDAY NIGHT—October 7, 1967

Deacon Rusell Harris opened meeting by singing hymn 264. Prayer by Deacon Frank Martin. Scripture lesson by Elder Hill. Elder W. M. Braswell came forth and sang hymn 674 and preached from John 15. Elder J. Nick Martin preached from John 8. Elder Hubert Alston preached from the same. Elder B. McLaughlin preached from Psalm 8. Elder B. T. Hairston preached from John 15. Elder Kemp Atkinson preached from the same. Elder J. L. Wade sang hymn 288 and preached with the Spirit. Elder Charlie McBullock sang hymn 617 for closing. Benediction by Elder Richard Stephens.

SUNDAY MORNING—October 8, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Deacon Johnnie Woodly who sang hymn 141. Prayer by Brother Luther Jenkins. Scripture Lesson by Elder Hill, John 14. Elder Daniel Staton sang hymn 3 and preached from the same. Elder G. Duncan sang hymn 364 and preached from Samuel 15. Elder B. T. Hairston preached from Jonah 3. Elder Fred Dilly preached from John 1. Elder Oscar Clemmons sang hymn 295 and preached from the same. Elder W. M. Hairston preached from the same. Elder Richard Stephen sang hymn 629 and preached from Rev. 1:18. Elder J. Nick

Martin preached from St. John 8. Elder R. H. Hyman preached from Rev. 8. Elder Cecil Alston sang hymn 353 and preached from hte Book of Esther. Elder Earl Holt sang hymn 393 and preached from John 15. Elder Buford Lee preached from Acts 10:19. Elder George Penn sang hymn 400 and preached from Psalm 40. Elder Jimmie Wooten sang hymn 490 and preached with the Spirit. Then the Moderator arose and gave thanks to the people for their nice behavior and caretaking of the association. We then sang hymn 631. Benediction by Elder R. H. Hyman.

Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator
Elder R. H. Hyman, Assistant Moderator
Brother H. H. Barnes, Association Clerk
Brother W. N. Hart, Assistant Clerk
Deacon R. Harris, Treasurer

CIRCULAR LETTER

This being the fifty-seventh annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, held with Willow Chapel Church in Edgecombe County, N. C., commencing on Friday before second Sunday in October, 1967.

Dear Brethren, the Lord has blessed us to meet again from north, east, south and west. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for preserving our lives. Oh how good it is for brethren to dwell together in love and peace. God has commanded us to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free. Let us serve God with godly fear and pray that the Word of God may have its free course and all we do be done in the glory and honor of God.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To whom it may concern: Dear sister associations,—this being the fitfty-seventh annual session of the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks to God Who rules both in heaven and earth.

Since meeting together in our last annual session, many of our friends are gone to their long eternal home. To us

who have been spared, the journey has been perilous. So, brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged in the wonderful work of the Lord and the shortening of time, and the length of eternity, For we know that the time that knows us now will soon know us no more.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers that the chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue until traveling days are done.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Amount from churches	$711.00	
2. Public Collection	360.10	
3. Old Treasury Report	169.95	
Total		$1,241.05

Expenses:

4. Put in Treasury	$576.91

Amount paid to Corresponding Delegates:

A. Radicue	$ 3.00	I. Chestnut Knob	11.00
B. Union	3.50	J. Cub Run	12.00
C. Long Branch	3.00	K. Coopers Grove	7.00
D. Little River	4.00	L. Mt. Zion	10.00
E. Tar River	6.00	M. Piedmont	10.00
F. Mt. Pleasant	25.00	N. Sandy Ridge	12.00
G. Roanoke	12.00	O. Loving	8.00
H. Contentnea	5.00	P. Corresponding	10.00

5. Amount paid delegates sent out $61.00

6. Amount paid to Association officers and home delegates:

1. Elder P. L. Hill, Moderator fee and pastor of three churches 32.00

2. Elder R. H. Hyman, Assistant Moderator fee and pastor of four churches 26.00

3. Brother H. H. Barnes, Clerk fee and delegate from one church 24.00

4. Brother W. D. Hart, Assistant Clerk fee and delegate from one church 14.00

5. Deacon R. Harris, Chairman, deacon fee and delegate

from three churches 22.00
7. Deacon C. Cobb, Chairman Finance Committee and delegate from three churches 17.00
8. Deacon R. Wooten, Finance Committee fee and delegate from one church 14.00
9. Deacon J. Woodard, Finance Committee fee and delegate from one church 9.00
10. Elder W. R. Kelly, Ministers Text fee 7.00
11. Deacon N. Johnson, delegate from two churches 8.00
12. Deacon C. Staten, delegate from 1 church 4.00
13. Deacon T. Flowers, delegate from 1 church 4.00
14. Deacon B. Roberson, delegate from 1 church 4.00
15. Deacon A. Horne, delegate from 1 church 4.00
16. Deacon F. Coley, delegate from 1 church 4.00
17. Deacon F. Richardson, delegate from 1 church 4.00
18. Deacon J. Hart, delegate from 1 church 4.00
19. Brother S. Moran, delegate from 1 church 4.00
20. Brother C. Roundolph, delegate from 1 church 4.00
21. Brother H. Roundtree, delegate from 1 church 4.00
22. Brother N. Roundolph, delegate from 1 church 4.00

HOME MINISTERS

Eld. W. M. Braswell	8.00	Eld. C. McBullock	6.00
Eld. W. Ellis	8.00	Eld. S. Cherry	6.00
Eld. G. Smith	8.00	Eld. D. Staton	6.00
Eld. J. Pitt	8.00	Eld. K. Atkinson	6.00
Eld. J. Rodgers	6.00	Eld. H. Shelly	6.00
		Eld. F. Dawson	6.00

Miscellaneous $156.64

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELDERS

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Elder Johnnie Rodgers, Macclesfield, N. C.

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LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Brother John Dickens.

ELDERS, ADDRESSES AND TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Few In Number: Elder Ruffin Hyman, third Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Bethlehem: Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Living Hope—Eld. Wm. Braswell, Macclesfield, N. C.; 1 Sunday and Saturday before in February.

New Hope: Elder Ruffin Hyman, Fountain, N. C., second Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Johnson Chapel: Elder John B. Pitt, fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Rocky Valley—Eld. P. L. Hill, Battleboro, N. C.; third Sunday and Saturday before in February.

Mt. Olive: Elder P. L. Hill, first Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Zion Hill: First Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Willows Chapel—Elder P. L. Hill, Battleboro, N. C.; second Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Weaver Chapel: Fouth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

Antioch: Second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

Little Living Hope—Elder Willie Ellis, Wilson, N. C. Third Sunday and Saturday before in January.

DEACONS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

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Brother Jessie Woodard, Rt. 1, Box 278, Fountain, N. C.

Brother Amos Horne, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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SABBATH MEETING DAYS

Few In Number—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Bethlehem—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Living Hope—First Sunday and Saturday before.
New Hope—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Johnson's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Rock Valley—Third Sunday and Saturday before.
Mount Olive—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Zion Hill—First Sunday and Saturday before.
Willows' Chapel—Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Weaver's Chapel—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
Antioch— Second Sunday and Saturday before.
Little Living Hope—Third Sunday and Saturday before

OBITUARIES

LIVING HOPE CHURCH

Brother Freeman Collins departed this life July 14, 1967. He joined the Living Hope Church September 28, 1961. He was a member for five years, nine years and fourteen days. He was loving and kind, quiet, and peaceful. He was a faithful member to his church until the end.

FEW IN NUMBER CHURCH

Brother James Arthur Johnson departed this life February 1967. He was a member at Few In Number Church for many years. A peaceful and kind brother, he proved faithful until death. Sleep on, Brother and take your rest. We hope to join you in that bright city where parting days will be no more.

Elder W. M. Weaver departed this life August 20, 1967. He joined the Few In Number Church in 1911. He was a member for fifty years and an ordained minister for many years. Elder Weaver was a peaceful and kind minister. He loved his church and fulfilled his

duties. It pleased the Lord to call him off the battlefield. He fought a good fight, made the last mile of the way. We will miss him, since we cannot meet him on earth any more, but we hope to meet on Canaan's shore. Sleep on Elder Weaver and take your rest. We loved you, but God loved you best.

NEW HOPE CHURCH

Elder Blannie Williams departed this life October 6, 1967. He was a member of the New Hope Church for thirty years and three months. Elder Blannie was chosen pastor of the Bethlehem Church and the Zion Hill Church and proved faithful as long as he was able He leaves to mourn a wife and six sons, and six daughters, a host of friends and relatives. We loved him, but God loved him best. Sleep on dear Elder and take your rest. Written by your Association Clerk, Brother H. H. Barnes.

Sister Della Young departed this life October 29, 1967. She was a member of New Hope Church for many years and was faithful to the end. She leaves to mourn three daughters and two sons, a host of friends and relatives. Sleep on dear sister and rest. We loved you but God loved you better. Association Clrek, Bro. H. H. Barnes.

Sister Harriet Dawson departed this life September 25, 1967. She was a member for many years. She was a kind and loving sister, and always willing to help in any way she could. She would always greet you with a smile. She leaves to mourn, four sons and six daughters, a host of friends and relatives. Sleep on dear Sister, sleep on. Association Clerk, Brother H. H. Barnes.

WILLOW CHAPEL CHURCH

Elder Elvie Hill departed this life April 18, 1967. He was a member for many years. He served on the Deacon's Board several years, after which he was called to the ministry, later he was ordained and proved as long as his health permitted that he was faithul unto the end. Sleep on dear Elder, and rest from your labors. Brother H. H. Barnes.

Sister Lassie Nettles departed this life in the year 1967. She was a member of the Willow Chapel Church for many years and proved faithful to the end. She was a kind and loving person always willing to help in any way she could. Farewell Sister for awhile. Sleep on and rest. Brother H. H. Barnes.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND DECORUM

1. It shall be the duty of the church to meet in Conference each month. Each member without some lawful excuse shall be present. In the absence of the pastor, the church shall choose a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to openthedoors for the reception of new members to fellowship.
2. The eldest first in order.
3. It shall be the duty of each member to vote in all cases and a majority shall rule except when touching on fellowship.
4. No motion shall claim the attention of the Moderator without a second.
5. Every move made and seconded shall be taken under consideration by the church unless it is withdrawn by the member who made it.
6. Every member who speaks in debate shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he departs from the subject.
7. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without written consent of the Conference.

8. No whispering or laughing shall be allowed in the time of Conference.

9. No member shall absent himself from the Conference with leave of the Moderator.

10. The Moderator shall have the same privilege or speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the count is equally divided.

11. If any member shall fail to attend three regular meetings in succession without some lawful excuse, the deacons shall look after him.

12. It shall be the duty of the deacons to look after their church.

13. No church inthis union shall allow a minister who has been called down by three churches in its pulpits, nor bid him God-speed.

14. No deacon or minister shall have the right to lord it over God's heritage by which they may infringe upon the internal rights of the church.

15. Male members shall be the only legal debaters in any Conference Union.

16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that these rules be carried out.

17. Any amendments to this form of government may be made by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

18. Moved and seconded that this Association will not fellowship any church that holds a member in its fellowship that it knows will not pay an honest debt. Agreed on motion that no minister shall be allowed to stand in our pulpit who is given to drunkenness.

19. Agreed on motion we will not fellowship any member who is known to take any part in any speculation on the Sabbath Day.

NEW AMENDMENT: Move and second if any member be found bearing false witness against his brother and sister, they shall be taken under consideration.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE TWELVE ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THE BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION WAS CONSTITUTED, AND FOR WHICH IT NOW CONTENDS

1. We believe in one true and living God, that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and special election. Deut 7:6; Acts 23 :14; Rom. 8:30; Matt. 25:31; John 10:16; 6:37.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. Gen. 3:66.

5. "O Lord, I know that the way of a man is not in himself. It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

6. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ. Isa. 53:11; Rom. 10 :4; Gal. 3:21.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feel are ordinances of Jesus Christ.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Few In Number—Edgecombe	Elder R. H. Hyman	R. Harris, C. Cobb	7	....	....	....	1	2	98	$206.50
Bethlehem — Edgecombe	Elder R. H. Hyman	C. Staton, H. H. Barnes	1	....	....	....	....	....	31	65.50
Living Hope—Edgecombe	Eld. W. M. Braswell	N. Johnson, J. Woodard	2	....	....	....	....	1	55	114.50
New Hope—Wilson	Elder R. H. Hyman	R. Harris, A. Horne	4	....	....	....	....	....	34	73.50
Johnsons Chapel—Edgecombe	Elder J. B. Pitt	N. Johnson, S. Morgan	....	....	1	....	....	....	9	19.00
Little Rock Valley—Edgecombe	Eld. P. L. Hill	J. Woodard, C. Randolph	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	48.00
Mount Olive—Green	Eld. P. L. Hill	R. Harris, C. Cobb	....	....	1	....	....	....	13	27.50
Zion Hill—Nash	Elder R. H. Hyman	B. Roberson, J. Woodley	....	....	1	....	....	....	6	12.00
Willow Chapel—Edgecombe	Elder P. L. Hill	T. Flowers, R. Wooten	....	....	....	....	....	2	24	51.50
Weavers Chapel—Edgecombe	Elder G. Smith	C. Cobb, N. Randolph	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	21.00
Antioch — Edgecombe	Elder G. Smith	J. Hart, W. Hart	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	17.00
Little Living Hope—Wayne	Elder Willie Ellis	V. Richardson, F. Coley	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	46.50

Churches' total	$711.00
Public Collection	360.10
Old Treasury	169.95
Total	$1,241.05